ANDY CARS
of Llantwit Major
and COWBRIDGE
Private Hire Taxis
Any Distance • Airports
Contracts • 4 - 8 Seats
01446 796777
Email:
andrew.brown01@
btconnect.com

The Cowbridge
GEM

"Your ORIGINAL priceless weekly newspaper"
The Vale's longest serving Community Newspaper
Established 1983

PEAK
PERFORMANCE
01446 775775

Weekly audited distribution (52 weeks) to 31/12/12 - **42,492**
(GEM Series). Audited by David Pinder & Co Ltd. Chartered Accountants.

www.cowbridge-today.co.uk

THURSDAY, JULY 11TH, 2013

CHORAL SOCIETY ENJOYS ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER

THE Victoria Inn in Siginstone was the venue for Cowbridge Choral Society's annual summer evening and meal (above).

Everyone had a very pleasant time after all the hard work over the last year. Thanks are due to the staff at the 'Vic' for their hospitality.

The society is currently rehearsing Mendelssohn's Elijah for the 'Voices for Hospices' concert in October, in collaboration with several other south Wales choirs.

In September, after a break for the summer, the society will continue rehearsing Elijah, as well as beginning work on familiar pieces for the Christmas concert.

New members are always welcome, no experience is needed. Rehearsals take place every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Ramoth Chapel, opposite the former police station. More information is available at www.cowbridgechoralsociety.co.uk. **PG**

Poignant story that lies behind making of 'Halcyon Heights'

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

A LOCAL actress is due to make a feature film in Cardiff this autumn – which will be a tribute to her boyfriend, who died earlier this year.

Isla Ure (25) explained that her boyfriend Tommy Vine (25) had inspired the project *Halcyon Heights* because of his performance in an earlier film, which it is based on.

Isla, whose mother Avril runs a stall in Cowbridge at Happy Days vintage market, went to the drama school Arts Educational in Chiswick, West London.

At the age of 23 she had graduated, but was frustrated by the lack of work.

"I'd had no auditions and three or four months had passed.

"I was at home and decided to write a short film about two people – I wrote it all in one go."

The film became an award-winning short called *Passengers* which she and Tommy starred in.

Tommy won the 'Best Actor' category at the Under Wire festival, and the film is due to be screened at BAFTA this Saturday, July 13, a huge honour for Isla.

Isla said: "*Passengers* tells the story of a woman who regularly catches a bus and is intrigued by a man she always sees carrying a different bunch of flowers.

"She strikes up a conversation with him and discovers he is taking the flowers to his grandmother who suffers from dementia.

"He hopes that one of the bunches of flowers will remind her of him bringing flowers to her as a young boy, and that she will remember who he is."

Halycon Heights is the same story, but expanded to a full feature length film lasting an hour and a half.

Isla is currently raising funds towards the £15,000 cost of filming.

(CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

COAST
HAIR STUDIO

Coast Hair Studio is fast becoming one of the best salons in South Wales and its just about to get even better! It is with great pride and excitement that they welcome Ella to the team.

Ella is one of the countries top stylists her talent and flair has been proven in one of Cowbridge's best salons for the past 10 years. Ella brings with her a fountain of experience and artistic knowledge that few in the industry can match. Touring the UK with Redken as a trainer last year, Ella's talents are in hair cutting, vintage hair up and make up.

Ella said "it's so great to be joining Coast Hair Studio I have an amazing relationship with Stacey - the Creative Director, and our passion and mutual understanding of how to create beautiful hair was key in my decision to choose Coast Hair Studio."

Call 01656 880724 to book you place with Ella now.

With every colour you will receive a **free hair conditioning treatment** in salon worth **£15**

01656 880724
Open 6 days: Mon, Tues & Fri 9.30 - 5.30
Weds & Thurs 9.30 - 8.30; Sat 9-5
Ewenny Road, ST. BRIDES MAJOR CF32 0SB
www.coasthairstudio.co.uk

COURT CASE BEGINS INTO CLAIMS OVER ILLEGAL BURIED WASTE

A case began this week at Cardiff Crown Court in which two brothers are accused of what the prosecution claim was "environmental vandalism".

The prosecution say waste was illegally buried in a 40-acre field at Welsh St Donats.

(For the full story, turn to page 11).

Galleria Furniture

Closing Down Sale In Store

GALLERIA,
EASTGATE,
1 THE LIMES,
COWBRIDGE,
VALE OF
GLAMORGAN,
CF71 7BJ

01446 776828
Future Trading Online at
www.dressingtablesandmore.co.uk

LOOKING AT OPTIONS FOR CEMETERY APPROACH

I WOULD like to update our residents on the progress of the work at Cemetery Approach in Barry, and reassure residents of our commitment to public consultation.

Following the consultation in 2012, a programme of work began to assess the viability of delivering the two most popular options identified in the consultation, which were a public open space and allotments.

The geo-environmental work required as part of this proved to be more complex than was at first anticipated and so has taken longer than we would have liked.

This has delayed the project as a whole. The site has also been surveyed by the Vale Council's ecologist.

This assessment work has now been completed and reviewed.

Although there have naturally been discussions between officers working on the project and cabinet, as yet there has been no formal report on the site.

Now that we are in a position to take a decision on the viability of the options favoured in the consultation, we aim to do so as quickly as is practicable – and will make residents aware of the next stage of this process as soon as this happens.

If residents would like to know more about the work that has already been undertaken on the future of Cemetery Approach, then I would encourage them to visit our web site at www.vale-ofglamorgan.gov.uk and view the information available in our consultation section, where full details of the consultation processes and the responses received are available.

Miles Punter,
Vale Director of Visible Services and Housing

Readers' Letters

IMPORTANT! We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail. LETTERS AND EMAILS MUST INCLUDE FULL ADDRESS AND A CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER. AN EMAIL ADDRESS ALONE IS NOT SUFFICIENT!
We will (in certain circumstances) protect a writer's identity, if requested. Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, DON JOHN, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7E OR email gemeditorial@tindlenews. co.uk

'No need for cutbacks to services in the Vale'

THERE have been several articles in The GEM recently relating to the impact of budget cuts locally.

Few would doubt the need to ensure that we live within our means and the consequences of spending less on a UK level. However, the picture locally is very different because the Vale is being short changed to the tune of £202 per person compared to Cardiff Council.

If the Vale received its fair share of the cake, we would gain at least an extra £25.6 million a year based on Cardiff's level of funding. The difference is even greater compared with Bridgend or RCT.

£25 million is the cost of building one and a half new secondary schools every year – take note pupils of Llantwit Major; or five new primary schools every year. It could resurface hundreds of miles of roads or reduce our council tax significantly.

When I highlighted this in last week's GEM, I was aghast at the response from the Welsh Government, that said money was sent to more needy areas.

Cardiff is one of the most prosperous cities in the UK. Why should the council receive £202 per person more than the Vale?

It simply doesn't make any sense and is quite outrageous. Alarmingly, the difference has grown year after year.

The big question is, what is the local authority doing to lobby for a fair funding settlement for the Vale?

Much is made of regeneration funding, which is important, but a fair funding level would result in the complete regeneration of Barry Island several times over.

Therefore, I've asked the local authority to send me copies of all correspondence regarding their request for further, fair funding settlement for the Vale.

The Vale Council doesn't need to see any cut backs to its services.

All we need is our fair share of the cake. If you feel the same way, please email me and join the campaign for a 'Fair Funding Settlement for the Vale.'

Alun Cairns,
MP for the Vale of Glamorgan.

'Other owners responsible for trampled dog'

I WAS devastated to learn yesterday that a friend's West Highland terrier had been trampled by one of the horses in a field alongside the beach road.

Her back was broken, among other injuries, and nothing could be done to save her.

While this little dog was nowhere near the horse when he decided to approach her, I have seen many dogs running at the horses, barking and worrying them over the past few weeks, with no control being exercised by dog owners. In my opinion, these are the ones who are ultimately responsible for her death.

The horses have now been moved, it seems, but none of this was necessary. I take my friend's dog to the fields regularly and never felt threatened by the horses in question.

'My' dog avoided eye contact and stayed away, while the male horse would stroll up for a pat on the back or a stroke of his head. I feel so sorry for my friends, who lost their little treasure through no fault of their own.

Jo Cody, Llantwit Major

'Dog signs need looking into'

I WAS interested to read a letter from a resident about the lack of dog signage at Bassett Park in Barry.

I was under the impression that this matter was being dealt with, but clearly it hasn't.

I will now take up thie case and will be pressing for better signage to be erected at this park.

It is also worth mentioning that I have been campaigning to get dogs banned from all play areas in the Vale.

It is likely that a new by-law will come into effect later in the year banning dogs from game and play areas, if agreed by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Coun Richard Bertin,
(Independent, Vale Council)

'No response from Cardiff Bus'

AS July 21 edges ever closer, and the latest changes to the Cardiff Bus timetable, I urge users of the current 94 service concerning Highlight Park and Cwm Talwg, Barry to refer to *cardiffbus.com* website and click on '*Changes to services from July 21'*.

Scroll down to the new 98 service, to find the last bus of the day from Highlight Park, now departing at 1436, and the last bus from King Square to Highlight Park departs at 1501.

Cwm Talwg residents are serviced even less, with the last departure from King Square at 1421. This is Monday to Friday only, as there is to be no Saturday or Sunday service.

I have tried in vain to obtain a response from Cardiff Bus through email and many phone calls to ascertain why two of the largest housing estates in Barry have warranted such service reduction.

People without access to cars, schoolchildren, college students, town workers, shoppers and connecting passengers wishing to return home using the new 98 service will be stranded.

Alternatively, they face long walks, especially if elderly or infirm, using other services and have no services at all on weekends – surely not in the interest of a customer-focussed bus operator.

I know some passengers are aware of the changes, but to improve the impending 98 service to a later and Saturday operation, I suggest concerns are directed to local politicians.

Elwyn Toozer,
Barry.

(See Vale AM's call on page 9)

Another side to Dambusters' raid

NOW that the Dambusters ' anniversary has passed, some sober reflection is called for.

There is no doubting the exceptional bravery and skill of everyone from 617 Squadron involved in the World War Two raid, including a local man, Sergeant Yeo, of Castleland, Barry, who was tragically killed when his plane crashed crossing the Dutch coast while homeward bound.

What, however, was the effect of the raid?

A devastating loss of personnel from 617 Squadron; steel production in the Ruhr disrupted for several months; thousands drowned from the nearly adjacent population, both German and foreign slave workers – mostly Russians and Ukrainians.

So far as I know, the latter have no memorial to their loss; no individual names embossed in a church or town hall.

They, and the members of 617, also deserve to be part of our collective memory.

They, too, were innocents and also our Allies; forced to work on a starvation diet and subject to arbitrary death – before the bouncing bombs delivered further misery.

Their girlfriends, widows, children and parents, also grieved.

Did they ever know how their loved ones died?

Christopher Short,
Barry.
(Ex-RAF Regiment).

'Thank you to our good Samaritans'

ON behalf of my 90-year-old mother, I would like to thank the extremely kind couple who stopped their van and came to her rescue after having had a nasty fall on the pavement in Britway Road, Dinas Powys.

Fortunately, she sustained no serious injury, but because of shock, she feels she failed to thank them sufficiently for helping her up and taking her home. True Samaritans! Thank you.

Elizabeth Warren,
Dinas Powys.

Pupils go around the world – IN THEIR CLASSROOM!

Jenner Park Primary School is holding an 'International Week' to explore global citizenship, to give the children opportunities to learn about different cultures and learn about the lives of others.

It began by inviting an Egyptian dancing and drumming workshop into school.

Each class joined in and performed dances at the end of each session to their peers, dressed in international costumes on Monday.

Our school kitchen is supporting International Week by preparing a range of cuisines from a different country each day.

We are raising funds for the Phoenix Projects, a charity that support free education in deprived areas in Central and South America. **DJM**

• If you have a view on any issues of local concern, write to the Editor at the address given on this page

• Remember to include name, address, and telephone number!

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 18)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
11 Thur	09.05	9.2	21.21	9.3
12 Fri	09.40	9.2	21.52	9.2
13 Sat	10.14	9.0	22.23	9.0
14 Sun	10.49	8.8	23.08	8.9
15 Mon	11.33	8.6	23.53	8.5
16 Tues			12.22	8.3
17 Wed	00.47	8.2	13.24	8.1
18 Thur	01.57	8.2	14.33	8.1

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

W JAMES & SONS
FUNERAL DIRECTORS
FONMON, RHOOSE, NEAR BARRY
ESTABLISHED 1860
Independent family business with 24 hours personal service covering Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan
PRIVATE CHAPEL OF REST
Tel Rhoose (01446) 710096

E-Mail Contacts: *gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk* • *gemsales@tindlenews.co.uk* • Tel 01446 774484
Published by: Glamorgan GEM Ltd., 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge. CF71 7EL. Printed by NWN Ltd.
facebook www.facebook.com/glamorgangem
twitter www.twitter.com/gem_news

TENOVUS HANDS TOP ACCOLADE TO VOLUNTEER

by PHILIP IRWIN

ABOVE: Michelle Roderick and mum Eleri at the awards ceremony.

A YOUNG volunteer at a Cowbridge charity shop has been singled out for a special award.

Tenovus, Wales' leading cancer charity, held its annual volunteer awards last week, and the winner of the 'Young Volunteer' award was Michelle Roderick.

Michelle has been volunteering as a retail assistant in the Tenovus Cowbridge shop for almost two years.

A Tenovus spokesman said: "Michelle started volunteering through a work experience placement and made an instant impression. She is known by everyone in the shop as 'the little star'".

Michelle was up against two other young volunteers from Wales, and won because of her dedication to the charity, which was highlighted last year when she was nominated to be an Olympic torch bearer.

Rather than keeping the torch as a memento, Michelle donated it to Tenovus, and the sale raised more than £3,000.

Kerry Marland, volunteer development manager at Tenovus said: "The achievements of Michelle show just how beneficial volunteering can be to people of all ages, especially our younger volunteers.

"The Tenovus volunteer awards are a fantastic way for us to say thank you to all of our hard working volunteers for the time and dedication they give to help us support cancer patients and their families in Wales."

The awards were hosted by Carl Edwards, the ITV Wales newsreader and a long-time supporter of Tenovus. The Young Volunteer Award was sponsored by Western Power Distribution.

Leavers' service welcomes children to the community

Pictures by Mike Wilcock

RIGHT: Pupils meeting the Mayor at the Leavers' Service.

ON Thursday, June 27, almost 150 pupils from seven feeder primaries to Cowbridge Comprehensive, gathered in Holy Cross Church for the Churches Together in Cowbridge Leavers' Service.

They were all an absolute delight, and will surely be a great asset in their new school.

Canon Derek Belcher welcomed the pupils, staff and parents and introduced Rev Heather Weddell, the minister of United Free Church and Father William Isaac, Dean and Roman Catholic priest from Bridgend, who later gave the address.

Rosemary Samuel, chair of Churches Together, then welcomed Coun Gwen Baty, Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, explaining to the children that this service was to mark their transition from primary to secondary school, and that the Christian community of Cowbridge, together with the Town Council, welcomed them in to this new community.

The sun was streaming through the stained glass windows of Holy Cross as the service on the theme of courage, proceeded with poems, gospel readings, hymns and Father Isaac's excellent address.

He encouraged the children to know that they are unique and special, and that Jesus is with each one of them, loving and supporting them, and they can turn to him in prayer.

Moving from a small primary to a large comprehensive can seem daunting, and the booklet that Mayor Baty gave to each pupil, 'It's Your Move', is packed with lively and helpful advice and guidance on moving to a big school, with prayers and puzzles and short stories.

After a final hymn, concluding the service, the children were given refreshments and a chance to chat together, before returning to their schools. **RS**

Search for Hollie: A body is found off the coast

POLICE investigating the disappearance of Hollie McClymont, the Scottish teenager last seen in the water off Barry Island on Sunday, say a body has been recovered from the sea near Fontygary.

Hollie was last seen on Sunday afternoon.

As The GEM went to press yesterday (Wednesday), the body had not been formally identified.

Chief Inspector Marc Lamerton said: "The family of Hollie McClymont have been informed of this development, and our thoughts are with them at this difficult time."

A team of 40 police officers has worked round the clock in the search for the schoolgirl.

She was last seen "in difficulty" in the sea off Island, just before 3pm on Sunday.

Hollie, aged 14, is from Glasgow and was on holiday in Barry.,

On Sunday afternoon, an incident was reported to a PCSO, who was patrolling Barry Island, and a major search operation was launched, involving the Coastguard, helicopters, RNLI crews and specialist search teams.

Hollie was last seen wearing a multi-coloured floral dress, described as short at the front and longer at the back.

On Monday, Chief Inspector Lamerton said: "This is obviously a very worrying time for Holly's family and we are keeping them updated.

"Our last sighting of Holly is at around 2.45pm in the sea, in the part of the bay nearest the Island Leisure Amusement arcade, Western Shelter, Barry Island."

Throughout this week, specialist teams continued to comb the coastline.

CCTV systems were checked and leaflets distributed appealing to the public for information.

Sunday was one of the busiest days of the year so far on the Island, as thousands of visitors converged on resorts along the south Wales coast.

Local people told The GEM they were surprised that on such a busy day there were not more sightings of Hollie.

Normally, when someone is in trouble in the sea on a summer's day, a number of calls are made to the emergency services.

Anyone with information, should contact South Wales Police on 101.

Isla's film is a tribute to Tom

RIGHT: Isla Ure.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

In March, Isla was devastated when Tommy died during a swimming accident in Cambodia. Tommy Vine is his stage name – his real was Tom Hare and he had featured in *Casualty* and *Top Boy,* and was very popular at the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester.

A new fund has been started in Tommy's memory called 'The Tommy Fund'.

Isla said: "It will create opportunities for creative people who are taking their first steps forward.

"Tommy was charismatic, so passionate about his craft, and supportive of others. He loved to see people succeeding."

Halycon Heights is going to be produced thanks to 'crowd funding' in which individual people pledge investment.

So far Isla has 67 backers and has raised almost £3,000.

To back Isla's film go to: www.indiegogo.com; for more information on 'The Tommy Fund' go to Facebook.

Pupils get the numbers right!

FOUR pupils from St Illtyd Primary School have been taking part in an inter-school Maths Mat (More able and talented) Challenge, along with nine other schools from the rural Vale.

It has been established to give year-6 pupils from competing schools an opportunity to meet up and show the high standard of mathematics they are capable of.

This involved a series of difficult questions and tricky challenges! St Illtyd's took part in three rounds hosted in three different schools (Llangan, Wick & Marcross and St Nicholas).

They won both the first and second rounds, which put them in an excellent position going into the final round last Wednesday, June 19.

St Illtyd were pipped into second place on the day, but still won overall with an impressive lead of nine points. Llangan came second and St David's came third.

The St Illtyd team was made up of Gabrielle Clark, Joe Godfrey, Joshua Gray and Nathan Pownall. They were delighted with their performance and so was their teacher Mrs Jones.

The support from the pupils' families was great and reinforced the effort and commitment shown by the team.

Everyone at St Illtyd Primary school is proud of what they achieved and are already putting together a squad for the start of the next competition in the autumn.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the competition and we look forward to it becoming an annual event. **CJ**

Refresh service

THE second Refresh service is being held at Holy Cross Church this Saturday (July 13), at 7pm.

It reaches out to anyone who is interested in trying a slightly new way "to do church", people from across the Vale and further afield are very welcome. There will be a prayer area for quiet reflection and time for individual prayer.

For more information, telephone 01446 775 381.

Bridge results

RESULTS for Cowbridge and District (Llanbleddian) Bridge Club for Tuesday, July 2:

First=, Diana Lewis and Myrtle Hansard, 60.32 per cent; first=, Ann Miller and Judith Nunn, 60.32; third, Mary Thomas and Joan Bird, 59.13; fourth, Glenda Roberts and Amy Owen, 58.73; fifth, Teri Pollard and Anne Hughes, 57.14. **ME**

Would you like an honest, reliable, affordable, police checked
CLEANER for your home.
Typically £10.50 per hour inc.
• Daily, weekly, etc.
• Insurance provided.
• All domestic cleaning undertaken.
TIME FOR YOU
DOMESTIC CLEANING
01656 349296 bridgend@timeforyou.co.uk
01443 625019 Miskin, Nr Cowbridge
www.timeforyou.co.uk

arriveinstylelimos.net
Proprietor: Bob Evans
Tel (01656) 723 869
Mobile: 07791 92 33 12
Limos, Rolls Royces, Mercedes, Jaguars
Weddings • Special Occasions • Airports

INSTALL
SKIP HIRE LTD
Mini, Midi &Large
Builders Skips
Delivered & Collected

Tipper Hire & Digger Hire available
Possibly the cheapest Skips in the Vale
• Fast & Efficient Service
• Friendly Staff
• 16 Yard & Roll On Roll off Skips available
• 95% of our waste is recycled
• Highway permits arranged when required
Mini
Midi
Builders Maxi
Builders Large
Unit 12F, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry CF63 3RF
Tel. 01446 421072
Email installskiphireltd@hotmail.co.uk

Camilla meets the people who make the Physic Garden a very special place to be!

AS was reported in last week's GEM, Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, paid a visit to the Cowbridge Physic Garden last Wednesday (July 3).

It was five years since the Duchess officially opened the garden, and she took the opportunity to confirm that she would be continuing as patron – a position that lasts five years.

The Duchess, a keen gardener herself, spent around 20 minutes with four of the most experienced garden volunteers, hearing about the problems and pitfalls of tending to some of the unusual plants that are grown within its walls.

ABOVE: The Duchess chats withh Martyn Hurst and Jo Homfray.

ABOVE: Waiting to present a bouquet...

All pictures on this page by ***MIKE WILCOCK.***

LEFT: *The Vale Mayor, Coun Margaret Wilkinson, and the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Gwen Baty (right) were there to welcome the Duchess.*

BELOW LEFT: *Camilla signs the visitors' book at the Cowbridge Physic Garden.*

ABOVE:
Jo Homfray introduces Camilla to Rose Clay, Mary Wallis, Val Thomas and Robert Moore, the garden experts who gave the Duchess a 20-minute guided tour.

Romance blossoms for an Aussie-Welsh couple – 46 years after they first met!

A COUPLE who were reunited 46 years after they first met in England during the 1960s, are going to get married at St Illtud's Anglican Church this Saturday, July 13, at 2pm.

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

Beverly Jager (73) from Adelaide in Australia met John Rowley (82) in London in 1966. Beverly explained: "I was on a working holiday in the UK when we first met.

"After I returned to Australia, we kept in touch for a year by letter, but there was no further contact after 1968, until last year."

John explained: "We both married other people and had separate, happy lives. Sadly, both our spouses died within five days of one another."

Beverly said: "I made contact with John after all those years because three weeks before my late husband died he said: 'You should contact that chap you knew in London'. Eventually, I contacted John through NARPO – the National Association of Retired Police Officers – who passed on my particulars."

Beverly was entirely in the dark as to what had happened to John.

"I didn't know what course John's life had taken since we were last in contact so long ago.

"I didn't know whether he had married or even if he was still alive. I visited John in Wales last year and then went back to Australia for six months."

John was born in Hillingdon, London, the son of a Welshman from Caerphilly. At the time the area was known as 'Little Wales'.

He said: "When Bev contacted me after so many years, you could have knocked me down with a feather!

"Our reunion was so successful and happy that Bev has now returned.

"This Saturday, we are marrying in Llantwit Major where we will live. We feel a very blessed and happy couple."

ABOVE: Bev and John in London in 1966.

ABOVE: Beverly and John will get married this Saturday, in Llantwit Major.

STEAMED UP DOUBLE GLAZING?
Don't replace the Frames... just the Panes!
Broken or Damaged Windows?
Faulty Hinges, Handles or Locks?
Want the latest energy saving glass?
5 year guarantee on new double glazing.
cloudy 2 CLEAR WINDOWS
REPLACING YOUR FAILED DOUBLE GLAZING
...we make saving money perfectly clear...
Call Freephone 0800 61 21 118
www.cloudy2clear.com

DID YOU KNOW?
You can also read your GEM on-line, free of charge, at: cowbridge-today.co.uk

JOIN US FOR
25% OFF FOOD

Treat yourself to our mouth-watering à la carte menu or daily specials including Lobster frites, seafood grill, king prawn masala or our signature seafood platters and we'll treat you to 25% off your food bill

To enjoy this offer, please bring this advert when you dine

Loch Fyne Cowbridge
Stalling Down, Cowbridge, South Glamorgan CF71 7DT,
Tel: 01446 776070

At Loch Fyne Cowbridge
Available All Day Sunday - Thursday

LOCH FYNE RESTAURANTS

Terms and conditions: Valid all day Sunday-Thursday at Loch Fyne Cowbridge. Discount off food bill only. Offer only valid on à la carte menu. This offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, promotion, set menu, lunch, breakfast or special event menus. One advert per table for a maximum of 6 diners. Please present this advert to your waiter on arrival. Offer expires 08.08.13

Evie is on her way to America for life changing operation

by TIM CHAPMAN

EVIE BROAD, the little girl from Sully who has captured the hearts of the south Wales' public, will be having surgery in America later this month to help her walk.

Evie Broad was diagnosed more than a year ago with a form of cerebral palsy called 'spastic diplegia'.

Zara (30) and husband Jason (38) are thrilled that along with family, friends and supporters, they have raised the funds necessary to send Evie to St Louis Children's Hospital in Missouri which has a special centre dealing with children who have cerebral palsy spasticity.

Zara told The GEM: "We have hit the target for the operation but need to continue fundraising for her after care.

"I can't thank my family, friends and the public enough for their support since we started fundraising.

"The support has been amazing – there are so many kind and caring people about."

Zara, Jason and their supporters set out to raise £60,000 last October to enable Evie to have the operation – and vital after care. They still need to raise funds for the after care.

The last 10 months have been a huge strain on the family, but their efforts have been borne fruit as Zara explained: "It's been like a roller-coaster but we have met some inspirational people along the way.

"So many people have helped us raise awareness of the operation and the cause and left us with some special memories."

It appears the operation is coming just in time for Evie.

Zara said: "It hasn't be an easy decision but we know it's best for Evie's future.

"The deterioration process has started and Evie has now been fitted with her second splint.

"The pain seems to be getting worse so I think now is the right time.

"The after care is just as important as the operation and would not be a success without it.

"We need to continue with this to secure her future, so if anyone has any new ideas and could help us out in any way please contact me.

"British Airways have been brilliant, they have made the process seem so straight forward and I can't thank them enough for their support with the flights."

Among the many successful events which have taken place across the Vale and Bridgend areas were a Zumbathon which raised £953; a 55-mile Taff Trail bike ride undertaken by Jason and his friends which netted £2,000, and a 'psychic night' at the Watermill in Ogmore-by-Sea, organised by Hands of an Angel which pulled in another £648.

The pace of fund raising since last October was so frantic that Zara had to have a rest at Christmas, before throwing herself into more charity events in the new year.

If you would like to help Zara please call 07866 417066; email: hopeforevie3@hotmail.co.uk; or go to the website: www.hopeforevie.co.uk/.

ABOVE: Evie Broad.

Branch poem is added to birthday book

LEFT: Mrs Fran Mitchell of St Nicholas WI accepting the 90th birthday book from Mrs Margaret John of St Fagans WI.

MEMBERS of St Nicholas WI have enjoyed a busy month, starting with a tea party to welcome members from St Fagans WI and the Glamorgan Federation 90th birthday book.

Our contribution, a poem by our president, Fran Mitchell, with illustrations by Ann Walklate, was added to the book.

A few days later, we were entertained by St Fagans whose turn it was to host the annual link meeting for our area. Mr Phillip Havard provided an unusual quiz on antiques and our hosts, as always, gave us a delicious supper.

At our own meeting, Janet Green demonstrated how beautiful yet simple flower arrangements could be created without great expense. We went home full of ideas about what we would be able to achieve at home.

Members will be supporting a coffee morning in Bonvilston Reading Room on Saturday, August 3 from 10.30am to 12 noon in aid of cancer research.

Our next meeting will be in St Nicholas Church Hall on Thursday, September 5 at 7pm. New members welcome.

Senior Citizens' group go west!

AFTER the successful summer tea party, Cowbridge Senior Citizens' next event was a trip to Carmarthen.

We met at the town hall, and set off (in fine weather, not the promised rain) in good spirits.We were all anticipating a visit to the town and the market, (which was a big attraction) and we were not disappointed! We all enjoyed our day out.

Our next meeting will be the last before our summer break at the Lesser Hall on Thursday, July 18 at 2pm. We have invited Adrian of AG Travel (Llantwit Major) to speak.

This meeting is open to all, and new members will be very welcome. Contact Mavis Ashford, chairman (01446 775508) or Patricia Prothero, treasurer (01446 775097).

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Community week

THE Llantwit Major Comprehensive School will be running its first 'Community Week' between July 15 – 19, allowing pupils the opportunity to volunteer their time for local community-based projects, two of which it would like to invite the community to attend.

On July 17 – 18 the school will be holding a charity car wash in its main car park (9.30am – 2pm).

"Please come along and have your car hand-cleaned by pupils and make a donation to a charity selected by the pupils. Local community vehicles will be cleaned for free, including police cars or minibuses for local community groups."

On the evening of July 18 at 7pm the school presents its inaugural 'Community Variety Show' – with drama, music and gymnastic performances. Tickets available from the School's main office at £3 for adults and £1.50 for students.

Back Y Bont!

STAFF members Anna, Emily, Kelly, Maddy, Matt and Sarah, have entered 'It's a Knockout' at Bridgend Show on Sunday July 14 and hope to raise £500 for Y Bont.

"Please support us by sponsoring or by cheering us along on the day!"

• Brabantia • Stellar • Horwood • Judge Vista • Meyer • Circulon • Anolon •

Gorenje • Neff • Bosch • Indesit • Hoover • Whirlpool • Belling • Stoves • Tricity Bendix

Siemens • Smeg • Hotpoint • Canon • Electrolux • Zanussi • A E G • Liebherr • Miele • Caple

1st Choice APPLIANCE & COOKWARE CENTRE

PREMIUM QUALITY BRANDS AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES

Two floors with a comprehensive display of appliances and accessories. Factory refurbished and brand new appliances in stock.

WASHING MACHINES From £199

Built-in ovens, hobs, dishwashers, washing machines, fridge freezers, range cookers - gas, electric, LPG and dual fuel in stainless steel and farmhouse styles!

Quality Products at Competitive Prices!

EXTRA DISCOUNTS EVERY SATURDAY DURING JULY
Only with this voucher

DISCOUNTS FOR THE OVER 60s on Tuesdays and Thursdays
(Please ask in-store for details)
ONLY WITH THIS VOUCHER

3A TYNEWYDD ROAD, KING SQUARE, BARRY
(opposite new library)
Also large warehouse & showroom at 252 HOLTON RD, BARRY
(Bassett End)

Experienced sales staff on hand to advise you with your purchases.

Prices constantly checked to make sure WE ARE THE CHEAPEST

All In Stock! – Ready to Go! Same/Next Day Delivery Service!

Full Repair Service and up to 5 years manufacturers warranty

Telephone: 01446 730884
www.1stchoicetrade.co.uk

OPEN: Monday - Saturday 9am - 5.30pm

Appliance used for illustration purposes only.

• TEG Design • James Martin • Jamie Oliver • Franke • Astracast • LG • LEC •

C.S. Boxall is a family business established since 1990

C.S.Boxall Ltd.
Plumbing, Heating & Electrical Work

Over 30 years experience in the industry.
Free no obligation surveys for all your needs.

For all your Tool, Plant Hire & Garden Equipment

SUPPLIERS of ALTRO FLOORING
Vinyls, Non-Slips, Etc.

- This flooring incorporates the latest technology and design.
- Extremely hard wearing with up to 15 years life expectancy.
- Non slip technology.
- Attractive designs enhancing any floor area.
- Low maintenance – Long lasting colour retention.

For more information call Dave or Frank our stores manager on our new direct stores line: 01446 772292

Is your boiler due for a service or replacement? Give us a call!

Visit our website: www.csboxall.co.uk
Freephone 0800 849 1254
www.csboxall.co.uk

OPEN: 8am 'til 5pm

39F Vale Business Park, Llandow, Nr Cowbridge, CF71 7PF

OBITUARY

Jillian Mary Harries, *Llangan*

THE affection of the people of Llangan for the late Jillian Harries, was evident at her funeral, which took place on Monday, July 1.

JILLIAN HARRIES

The lovely St Mary's Church was full to capacity, with 100 mourners also assembled outside.

The service began with a hymn, followed by a moving tribute to Jillian by Peter's sister, Andrea.

Born in Llangan, apart from a short period following her marriage, Jillian (aged 60) had lived there all her life.

Jillian was well known for her culinary skills and beautiful flower arrangements.

Their children brought so much joy, and when their eldest daughter, Sian, was chosen to carry the Olympic torch through a north Wales town, Jillian was there to cheer.

Their youngest daughter, Gwennan, is a keen football player, and their only son, Owen, is following in the family tradition of farming.

Jillian did so much for her brother, David, following the loss of his beloved wife, Susy.

Through all the years I had known her, I cannot recall Jillian speak unkindly about her fellow human beings.

Our thoughts are with Peter, and children Sian, Gwennan and Owen.

The service was conducted by Rev Canon Peter Raikes.

Donations in memory of Jillian may be made to Macmillan Cancer Support, c/o Funeral Director Mel and Ron Watkins of Pencoed.

NANCY DAVIDGE

Local Rotarians see flood damage on German visit

RIGHT: Members of Meissen and Cowbridge Rotary Clubs are pictured on the steps outside Schloss Proschwitz.

READERS may have caught on the news recently that central Europe was suffering from flooding.

Despite the fact that the water levels weren't quite back to normal, Cowbridge Rotary Club went to pay a visit to its twin club, in Meissen, to help celebrate their 20th birthday.

The water had flooded quite a few of the lower–lying properties next to the River Elbe, and there was still a lot of clearing-up in progress. Fortunately, the majority of the historic town had escaped damage from the river, which had been almost 3m (10 ft) above its normal level.

Arriving by different ways, car, train and aeroplane, members of the club met up on June 22 at Schloss Proschwitz, home of one of the Meissen club members, Dr Georg Prinz zur Lippe-Weissenfeld, for an evening of fellowship and excellent food and wine.

Altogether, some 12 clubs had come together for the birthday celebrations, which lasted until the small hours of Sunday.

The next day, there was an open-air service led by the local Pastor at a nearby farm, followed by lunch and in the afternoon, good-byes were said after a very pleasant, sunny weekend in Germany.

We're looking forward to meeting them next year when they'll be coming to Cowbridge – but we can't guarantee 30C and clear blue skies!

ANDY BANKS

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

MBE award

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Mari Major, former clerk to the Llangan Community Council, being awarded the MBE in the Queen's birthday honours list.

Memorial service

A SERVICE of remembrance took place in St Canna's, Llangan, on July 4 for the late Mr Charles Weller.

Born in London, Mr Weller made his home in the Fferm Goch area of Llangan in the late 1950s.

Following the loss of his wife, he left Wales to live in the Phillipines and found happiness with a new wife.

He will be remembered as a caring father and brother by his family, who still live in Fferm Goch.

'The MoD is ignoring Wales'

– AN MP CLAIMS

BRIDGEND MP, Madeleine Moon, has taken two opportunities in the House of Commons – to urge the Ministry of Defence to protect its presence in Wales.

Mrs Moon raised the possibility of job losses at RAF St Athan and possible loss of two Territorial Army training centres at Caernarfon and Llandudno during Welsh Questions and a statement by the Secretary of State for Defence on the future of reserve forces.

She reported: "A constituent visited me at a surgery last week regarding the possible loss of 75 highly skilled jobs from 71 (Inspection and Repair) Squadron based at St Athan.

"I am very concerned by the loss of these jobs and the impact it will have on the individuals concerned, but also the long-term erosion of the Ministry of Defence's presence in Wales.

"The Secretary of State for Wales gave an undertaking to raise my concerns with the Ministry of Defence and I look forward to receiving a response.

"During a statement on reserve forces, I was disappointed to learn that two Territorial Army training centres will close.

"This is worrying, because we already have quite a small Ministry of Defence presence in Wales and this will erode it further.

"I asked the Secretary of State to look at the impact of his announcement on recruitment for Wales and the opportunities for reservists.

"I fear the Ministry of Defence is again ignoring Wales and the contribution it makes to our armed forces. Nine per cent of army recruits come from Wales, and yet these two announcements suggest this commitment is being overlooked."

MONEY RAISED

AT a Jazz 'n' Curry night in the Quarter Penny Cafe, Cowbridge, recently, the Cowbridge Comprehensive School's Interact Club raised £758, for Ty Hapus.

TRAVEL

cardiff airport

Atlantic holidays

Madeira

Departing from Cardiff Airport
12 August and 30 September 2013

7 nights half board from £699 per person

Madeira's capital, Funchal, enjoys a spectacular hillside setting. It boasts fine architecture, cobbled streets and beautiful botanical gardens alongside museums, art galleries and markets.

Just a few minutes' walk from Madeira's capital city, Funchal and its many attractions, the 5★ Pestana Casino Park is one of the island's most popular properties. This modern hotel provides excellent guest facilities that include an indoor and an outdoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, gym, tennis court and bars.

Price includes:

- Direct return flights from Cardiff to Madeira
- 7 Nights half board at the 5★ Pestana Casino Park Hotel
- 20kg Luggage allowance
- All taxes
- ATOL protection for your complete peace of mind
- Assistance by our resort representative
- Airport parking included on 30 September departure*

For more information call us on 01452 381 888 and quote 'CAR' or visit us online at www.atlanticholidays.net/CAR

ABTA

Prices are per person based on two adults sharing a twin/double room. Prices vary according to choice of hotel and departure date. Holidays are subject to availability. Prices may change without prior notice, please check at the time of booking. *Terms and conditions apply. Return transfers can be added for £20 per person.

SPECIAL OFFER

From Thur 11th July to Sat 13th July 2013

ALL 30g Tubes of Seed Beads and 50g Bags of Bugle Beads

40% OFF

The Bead Room @ Boxes & Busts

www.boxesandbusts.co.uk
Unit 19, Ty Verlon Ind est. Barry , CF63 2BE
or ring 01446 701230. Hrs: Mon-Sat 9am-4pm

Did you know you can find The GEM on Twitter? @gem_news

Dancers finish term in style!

MOTION Control Dance Programme is finishing its term with style as success has come again to dancers from YDance when they took part in the UDO Southern Championships in Reading.

They competed in the solo, duo and crew divisions against many other dance schools from across the southern region of the UK.

Billie James-Cayton (14) achieved third place in the under-16 solo division; Callum Lock (17) came second in his duet with Poppy Tremlett (15); Lloyd Williams (10) came fifth in the under-12 solo division where he had to perform in six rounds against many others.

The dance crew ERA consisting of Kia Harcourt (12), Keyleigh Borge (15), Billie James Cayton (14), Harriet Knowles (14) and Ryan Hodge (13) were also successful in the under-18 team section.

Their performance was outstanding and was choreographed by our new dance teacher Olivia Shouler.

These dancers have all qualified to compete at the UDO World Street Dance Championships in Glasgow on August bank holiday and are looking for sponsorship to help them fund this dance experience.

A campaign called 'Dancing for the Dragon' has begun with the dancers organising a variety of events to help raise the necessary funds.

Bookings are being taken for ERA dance crew to perform at any community events throughout the summer to support their dreams of competing for Wales.

Our Local Motion Dance Company for young people with disabilities have also been successful in being invited to perform at the Wales Millennium Centre, as part of the Unity Festival, and a community youth dance showcase at the Pavilion Theatre, Porthcawl.

Dancers from Motion Control Dance performed a 'dance through the decades' on the Glanfa Stage at WMC on June 23 at the Age Equality Celebration. It was part of the 'Everyone's Future' project funded by the Big Lottery that Vibe Experience is delivering across Cardiff and the Vale.

The dance was created to be able to be performed by all ages, no matter what their dance experience.

ERA, Lloyd and Callum at UDO Southern Championships in Reading.

Motion Control Dance is running the 'Chance 2 Dance' summer programme for everyone in the community to enjoy.

It is a week long dance scheme running for four days at Barry YMCA.

Children and young people will learn and create a dance piece which will be performed at Barry Island Promenade alongside other dance groups from Motion Control Dance.

Anyone interested in working towards a UDO street dance examination is invited to come along to the YMCA every Tuesday from 1pm-3pm during the holidays to learn the routines they need to master.

Costs include training and examination registration fee.

Anyone with a passion for dance must not miss the Dance Central Festival being held at Memo Arts Centre in August. There will be lots of workshops, stalls and performances from various dance groups in the community.

If you have an interest in pursuing a career in dance, come and join our Dance 2 Dance Intensive Week at Memo Arts Cenre from August 12-16, 10am-3pm.

Come and join the new dance fitness craze StreetFit.

Sessions are being run at Cardio Core Fitness, PalmerVale Business Centre on Tuesdays 5.30pm for under-16s and 7.15pm for over-16s. The idea is to make you sweat and lose around 460 calories each session.

Motion Control Dancers will be performing at various community events throughout the summer.

Come and watch their demonstrations at Barry Island 'Street Weekender' on July 28 on the Promenade. On August 21 StreetBeat takes place in King Square.

Please contact Emma Mallam on 01446 733622 if you are interested in supporting these young dancers achieve their dreams, or would like more information of the many dance projects that Motion Control Dance deliver.

Holiday relief

PARENTS can find information on local activities and childcare during the summer holidays by contacting the Vale Council's Family Information Service.

A weekly listing is available on the the council's website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/fis or by contacting the team for a copy on 01446 704704 or emailing fis@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Labour Party's general election candidate named

THE Labour Party has announced that a local councillor has been selected to fight the Vale seat in the 2015 general election.

by TIM CHAPMAN

ABOVE: Chris Elmore.

The party described Chris Elmore, the councillor for Castleland since 2008, as "a dedicated public servant" who was selected from "a strong field of candidates".

He is the current Vale Council cabinet member for children's services.

Coun Elmore welcomed his nomination and wasted little time in attacking the two UK Coalition parties.

He said: "It is a fantastic honour to be selected to represent the people of the Vale of Glamorgan for Labour at the general election in 2015.

"The Tories and Lib Dems have let down the people of the Vale of Glamorgan badly, and I will work hard to hold them to account for what they are doing and stand up for the people of the Vale .

"The election campaign starts here, and we'll be pounding the pavements and speaking to local people, campaigning hard for every vote."

The current MP for the Vale, Alun Cairns, questioned the Labour Party's wisdom in selecting Coun Elmore.

He explained: "On a personal level, I congratulate Coun Elmore but I am surprised that Labour have chosen someone who was involved with plans to close three local schools.

"National news this week has shown how toxic unions can be in the selection of parliamentary candidates.

"Coun Elmore's leaflet promoting selection, championed his links to the GMB and Unison.

"These links would surely get in the way of taking the tough decisions needed to keep the country on its track to recovery, following the tough global economic and UK crisis."

The Vale of Glamorgan is a key marginal seat. In the general election of 2010, Alun Cairns defeated Labour's Alana Davies by 4,307 votes. Seats such as the Vale will go a long way to determining the complexion of the next government.

The general election is due to be held on May 7, 2015.

Mayor presents plaque to RAFA

THIS picture was taken when the Vale Mayor, Coun Margaret Wilkinson, hosted a reception at the Town Hall for members of the Barry branch of RAFA and presented them with a Vale of Glamorgan plaque.

In the photograph with the Mayor is Coun Gwyn John, Sqn Ldr Dave Crandon and George Horton.

The Barry RAFA is holding a number of events this year to celebrate its 75th anniversary. The branch is the oldest in Wales and has been in existence since November 14 1938, when the construction of RAF St Athan brought personnel from all over the UK into the area.

The branch is currently a focal point for all members and the many friends who support its charitable aims, including the Air Training Corps 372 Squadron (Barry) and 2300 Squadron (St Athan).

It holds monthly meetings on every second Tuesday and offers support to RAF serving personnel, retired ex-RAF personnel, and their immediate families.

Forthcoming events include 75th anniversary event on King Square, Barry on September 7; RAFA Wings charity concert on October 11 and 75th anniversary dinner on November 14.

Further information can be obtained from the secretary, Howard Provis on 01446 418546, or visit website Barryrafa247.co.uk.

'Listen to the bus users'

AM's CALL

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, has taken up concerns over cuts to rural bus services with the managing director of Cardiff Bus, Cynthia Ogbonna.

She stressed how important Cardiff Bus services were to the Vale and said she was disappointed that some services were being reduced as a result of recent changes.

She said that she was assured that only 20 per cent of the changes taking place affected the Vale and some of these were due to "lower passenger numbers".

The AM emphasised that it was vital Cardiff Bus took into account the needs of bus users in the Vale "which are important to all age groups," with the support of the Welsh Government concessionary fares scheme.

Ms Hutt added: "I was glad to have the opportunity to put the case for the Vale of Glamorgan to Cardiff Bus MD, Cynthia Ogbonna and Peter Heath, her director of operations. "

Hearing Tests

Scott Wroe Hearing Centre provides:

- The highest levels of service and aftercare
- Independent Advice
- 30 day trials on all hearing aids
- The World's finest hearing aids including Widex, Phonak and Oticon
- Repairs and accessories to all makes and models
- Home visits available

For more information, or to arrange an appointment, please call

02920 707760

Or call into:

Scott Wroe Hearing Centre

1 Station Approach, Penarth, CF64 3EE

www.scottwroe-hearingcentre.co.uk

Casa Stockholm
Chocolate brown leather three seater sofa
Was £1599 Sale Price £799

Casa Warwick
Rich red leather three seater sofa
Was £1799 Sale Price £899

Casa Colorado
Ivory leather three seater sofa with manual recline action
Was £1999 Sale Price £999

BEST EVER HALF PRICE sale

Casa Chatham
Raspberry fabric two seater sofa with check scatter cushions
Was £1099 Sale Price £549

INTEREST FREE CREDIT* ENDS MONDAY

G Plan Upholstery
An extensive collection of sofas and chairs in fabric and leather finishes
Sale Price 30% OFF RRP

Duresta
Elegant, handcrafted sofas and chairs in luxurious fabric finishes
Sale Price 30% OFF RRP

Ercol
Quality hand-made furniture, designed for comfort and practicality
Sale Price 25% OFF RRP

Parker Knoll DURESTA halo ercol

- Over 100 sofas and chairs
- Lowest price guarantee†
- Home experts for 115 years
- Range to suit all budgets and requirements
- Speedy delivery of stocked ranges
- Excellent advice from experienced staff

Fantastic up to HALF PRICE savings for your home & garden

Shop online at leekes.co.uk

Llantrisant, Cowbridge Road, RCT. CF72 8XU
Telephone 0845 050 8240

Leekes You're home

Sofas | Dining | Beds | Carpets | Interior Design | Home Textiles
Kitchens | Bathrooms | Paint & Paper | Accessories and more...

*15% APR representative. Finance is subject to status, conditions apply. ■Offer available when you purchase any four seat group of Ravenna, in the same grade of fabric. E.g. sofa = 2 seats, chairs = 1 seat. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. †Conditions apply, ask in store for details.

FREE FAMILY EVENTS EVERY WEEKEND AT BARRY ISLAND

20 & 21 July
The Isle of Fire

Barry Island will be transformed into a lost island Fire Garden. Explore this fiery landscape inspired by tales of the deep, where legends of fire breathing flowers, enchanted glowing trees and a Viking ghost ship long lost in time are all brought to life. From dusk each day.

27 & 28 July
Street Dance

Featuring Team Extreme performances and workshops on Sat and Sun. Sunday will be packed with performances from local groups from Motion Control Dance. 11am to 4pm each day.

3 & 4 August
Street Art

Let loose your artistic flair by drawing on the mini cubes along the prom or try the free graffiti workshops. All ages welcome - 11am to 4pm each day.

10 & 11 August
Zapcats

Fast and furious Zapcat powerboat action. The adrenalin- pumped racing will take place on both days from 11am.

Bring a picnic and a blanket and enjoy some music before the film starts.

17 & 18 August
Seaside Sport

Enjoy a host of sports by the sea. Take part in Beach Volleyball, Disability sports and Beach cricket. Try your skills on the surf simulator and the climbing wall and explore the Play Village. The England Beach Soccer Team will also be on the beach. The event will end with Zumba on the Prom with Andrea - Sunday at 5pm.

24 & 25 August
Cinema by the Sea

Enjoy an evening of cinema by the sea
Saturday from 8.30pm
BACK TO THE FUTURE
Sunday from 8.30pm
GREASE SING-A-LONG

VALE of GLAMORGAN
BRO MORGANNWG

All events take place along the prom or Island Gardens. Please note events may change at short notice. For more information please call 01446 704737 or go to www.visitthevale.com

Two brothers face trial over 'environmental vandalism'

Crown Court report by AJ SICLUNA

TWO brothers have gone on trial at Cardiff Crown Court, accused of what the prosecution claimed was "environmental vandalism".

Waste was illegally buried in a 40-acre field at Welsh St Donats, saving the defendants millions of pounds, alleged Christopher Quinlan QC, prosecuting on behalf of the Environmental Agency Wales.

Before the court are Nigel England, 50, of Pwll-y-Darren Farm, Welsh St Donats; Phillip England, 61, of New Road, Pencoed; Site Serv Ltd; and England Environmental (Northern) Ltd.

They have variously denied 12 charges, involving causing the operation of a regulated facility without a permit.

England Environmental Northern owned the field concerned and the director at the time was Phillip England.

Site Serv Ltd have a waste transfer unit at Llandow Trading Estate and Nigel England was a director of Site Serv.

Mr Quinlan said the case was about the activity of depositing waste in a field at Pwll-y-Darren Farm.

"Waste is regulated by law. You can't dump waste wherever you please," he said.

By burying the waste, some of it consisting of composting activity and shredded wood, millions of pounds in costs were saved and Mr Quinlan alleged it was environmental vandalism.

He said the case was investigated by the-then Environmental Agency Wales, which has been replaced by Natural Resources Wales.

The aim of the bodies was to protect and improve the environment and its remit including the control of pollution.

The agency, he continued, investigated waste and facilities for its disposal.

He said there were many forms of waste, including household waste, metal, plastic, recyclable and non-recyclable, and all had to be handled in different ways, controlled by law, and all the companies who dealt with it had to be licenced.

"Tons and tons of waste were dumped Ltd in the field at the farm," he said.

In essence, said Mr Quinlan, the case concerned the illegal depositing of controlled waste and the operation of regulated facilities.

The tiime span, he claimed, was from March 2007 to May 2010.

On Wednesday (yesterday), the jury, 11 women and one man, visited the site.

The trial continues and is expected to last three weeks.

Rank Hovis planning to quit Barry?

A MAJOR employer – a fixture in Barry for many years – is on the verge of pulling out.

Rank Hovis – part of the giant Premier Foods group – employs 43 in Barry at its flour mill, and several other companies are closely involved in areas such as transport.

The announcement follows a review of the company's milling capacity in light of current demand and is part of the company's broader strategy to improve the profitability and sustainability of the bread and milling business.

There will be a period for consultation, before any decision is confirmed.

Vale MP Alun Cairns has said he will do everything possible to reverse the decision.

Coun Chris Elmore represents the Castleland Ward in Barry where the flour mill is located.

He said: "The consultation is just devastating, not only for the 43 employees, but for the wider local economy of contractors who work with the mill."

Mr Cairns said: "This is a terrible blow and I will be meeting senior executives in the next week, to see what needs to be done to stop this closure and to save these jobs. I also know hauliers and other contractors who depend on Rank Hovis' operation."

Coun Elmore said: "This iconic landmark in Barry Dock has been a vital employer in the town for many years.

"It is important that Premier Foods offer full support to the families affected by the decision. In these tough economic times, losing this level of direct jobs, as well as the wider impact on local contracts, is terrible news."

Plaid Cymru's Coun Ian Johnson said: "The Vale Council and Welsh Government must play a role in negotiating with the company to get them to change their mind and, if they won't, then support the staff and local contractors into finding alternative work.

"Barry is currently a regeneration area and the Waterfront and Barry Island are both receiving substantial investment to create new homes and employment.

"It is a shame if this is undermined by companies leaving Barry, just when the town's future looks so bright."

TRADER JAILED AFTER HIS 'HORRENDOUS' TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

A Vale man was sentenced to 26 weeks in prison at Cardiff Magistrates Court, after being previously found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering and failing to meet the needs of 27 horses.

Thomas Tony Price (49) of Glan Y Mor Lane, Wick, was found guilty of a total of 57 offences at Cardiff Magistrates' Court on June 14.

He was also banned from keeping horses for five years and was ordered to pay £43,485 in costs to the RSPCA.

His eldest son Thomas Hope Price (26) of Rover Way, Cardiff was given a 23-week prison sentence after he pleaded guilty to 42 charges – including causing unnecessary suffering to 18 horses – at Cardiff Magistrates' Court on May 8.

The remaining charges involved failing to meet the welfare needs of these and a further nine horses by either failing to address their weight loss, protect them from injury, pain or disease, or failing to ensure they had clean and hazard-free environments with dry lying areas. He was also banned from keeping horses for five years and ordered to pay £36,638 in costs to the RSPCA.

A second son, Tony John Price (19) also of Rover Way, Cardiff, was given a 12-month community order, including 135 hours of unpaid work, and was banned from keeping horses for 12 months.

He admitted failing to meet the welfare needs of a piebald cob colt by failing to explore and address its weight loss and failing to meet the welfare needs of a piebald filly.

In sentencing Thomas Tony Price and Thomas Hope Price to the maximum prison sentence available, District Judge Bodfan Jenkins said: "You were running a very large and wealthy concern, breeding gypsy cob horses. You both allowed the situation to become shocking and horrendous – you are both fully culpable."

Price Senior was the director of a business known as Glamorgan Horse Traders and Thomas Price was listed as secretary of the same business which deals in horses across the UK, Europe and America.

RSPCA inspector Christine McNeil said: "We are hopeful that the disqualifications mean that no other horses have to suffer at the hands of these defendants.

"We worked closely with Bridgend County Council throughout this case and their assistance was pivotal in securing today's result."

The Vale Council also worked on the case. The principal trading standards officer, Christina Roberts-Kinsey, said: "The Vale Council has worked extremely hard, in partnership with the police and neighbouring authorities, to see Tom Price brought to justice, and we all welcome the verdict.

"His actions have caused a great deal of suffering to his horses. But, in allowing the horses to fly-graze, straying onto public roads and residential areas, he could also have risked the safety of the public."

Topstak

Kitchens | Outdoors | Stoves

As well as being the perfect barbecue, The Big Green Egg is also a smoker, grill and oven. Loved by chefs such as Heston Blumenthal and Rick Stein, it is used at many top UK Michelin star restaurants.

Pop into our Cowbridge showroom and take a look at the full range, browse a beautiful selection of Neptune kitchens and our fabulous range of stoves and fireplaces.

And why not relax over a coffee and snack in our Coffee Shop while you're here? We look forward to seeing you.

Unit 42, Vale Business Park, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7PF

Call 01446 771567 | www.topstak.co.uk

Llanmaes villagers flock to the fair!

THE weather couldn't have been kinder as residents, young and old, turned out in force to enjoy the sunshine at Llanmaes summer fair.

Photographer Andy Wicks was there to capture the fun!

PHOTOGRAPHS
by **ANDY WICKS**
Telephone 07855 374478

Margam fete raises £12,000

FAMILIES and their four-legged friends turned out in force for the Dogs Trust Bridgend summer fete on June 23 at Margam Park.

Dog lovers were able to enjoy the show, which included waggiest tail and best rescue dog, and raised over £12,000 for rescue hounds.

Linda Feagan, Dogs Trust Bridgend Supporter Relations Officer, reported: "We are delighted that the fun, stalls, activities and dogs encouraged more than 2,000 people to show up to our summer fete. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event by making it so special.

"Every penny raised will go towards the care of our stray and abandoned dogs. The public support will enable us to give the dogs in our care the best possible second chance."

Anyone interested in offering a rescue dog a new home, call Dogs Trust Bridgend on 01656 725 219 or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Vale Council to consult on Bryneithin replacement

by PHILIP IRWIN

AS was reported in last week's GEM, the Bryneithin residential home in Dinas Powys is set to be demolished in the autumn.

The decision was taken after a Vale Council cabinet working group considered options for the building, and it cited "security costs" as a factor. The Vale Council cabinet member for adult services, Coun Stuart Egan, said: "We remain committed to exploring fully the potential to use the site for older people in the future and will consider any options that would enable us to do that."

A council press release said that its goal is to ensure that the site continues to serve the needs of older people in the Vale.

The statement said: "*At this stage, there are options which seem to best meet both local demand and the council's affordability criteria, such as private accommodation for older residents of the Vale or a purpose-built extra care facility.*

"*Residents regularly tell the council that, as they become older, they would like the option of downsizing from their existing homes to something more suitable, but feel there are very limited options if they wish to continue to live within an area they consider to be home.*

"*A small development of private accommodation for older residents would help to address this.*

"*An older people's provision, such as an extra care facility, would increase the options for people to continue to live in the area, particularly if they prefer to rent a property rather than buy one outright.*"

The council says it is open to other options, and that details of a consultation process will be announced later this month.

One very disappointed resident is Mrs Pat Hopkins, of Barry, who cares for a loved one with younger onset dementia, and she is concerned about provision for people with that condition, and their carers.

She told The GEM: "We envisaged the idea of Bryneithin as the centre of excellence for dementia care in Cardiff and the Vale, the answer to our prayers.

"It would have been an 'extended family' that we could turn to in times of worry, who would understand and try to help.

"We thought the Vale Council had listened to us, but as usual, we were wrong!"

G&W SOLICITORS

An established, traditional firm with a **personal, modern** approach.

Our Cowbridge office has now moved to larger premises:
4a Westgate, Cowbridge
01446 772212

We are delighted to welcome to our team Employment Law expert, **Nigel Daniel** and Probate, Trusts and Wills specialist **Kathryn Thompson**

www.gaskellandwalker.com

NEWS IN BRIEF

Marie Curie tea

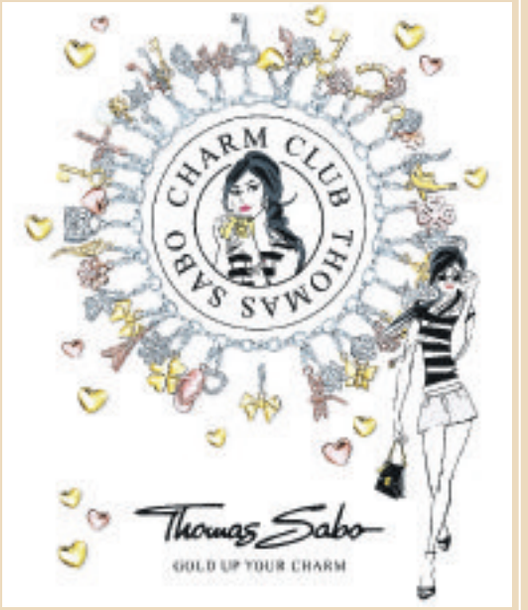
A tea party will be held tomorrow (July 12) at 68 Main Street, Cadoxton, to raise funds for Marie Curie, hosted by CadoxtonYouth Project between 2pm-4pm. To book tickets, become a volunteer, or to find out more, call 01446 621829.

Charity car wash

THINKVAN.COM, a local commercial vehicle dealer in Barry is entering a team for the London to Paris cycle ride (250 miles over three days) to help raise awareness and funds for The British Heart Foundation.

It will hold a charity car wash at their premises (behind Buyology) on Saturday from 9.30am – 4pm in aid of the charity.

PG GENTILE
Paul Gentile Jewellers



3 Tynewydd Road
Barry CF62 8HB
01446 746871

9 South Walk
Cwmbran NP44 1PU
01633 865556

sales@paulgentilejewellers.co.uk

***Did you know you can find The GEM on Twitter? Follow us** @gem_news*

THE FURNITURE SALE

Experience the reason we are still here...

IN STOCK
Swivel Chair & Footstool
was £399.95
Available in brown & cream
NOW £169.95

Alstons
British Made Upholstery
Sofa was £1249.95
NOW £799.95

IN STOCK
Hamilton Solid Oak Extending Dining Table and Four Chairs
was £1199.95
NOW £599.95

IN STOCK
Kingstown Azure 4 Door Centre Mirror Robe
was £1039.95
NOW £599.95

Aamiri Double Bed
was £319.95
NOW ONLY £238.95

Buy with confidence from a family business with over 40 years experience

Unit 1, Retail Area,
Llandow Ind. Est,
Nr Cowbridge. CF71 7PA
Tel: (01446) 772927/772928
SAT NAV CF71 7PA

THE Place for Homes THE FURNITURE WAREHOUSE

NORMAL OPENING HOURS
MON, TUES, WED & FRI 9am-5.30pm. OPEN LATE EVERY THURSDAY 9am-8pm. SAT 10am-5.30pm. SUN 11am-5pm.

Visit our website at
www.theplaceforhomesltd.co.uk
Enquiries: email sales@theplaceforhomesltd.co.uk

• FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS •

SPECIAL 25% OFF

MPN Windows, your local Network VEKA member is recommended by Steve Davies

We will beat any written quote like for like!

SPECIAL OFFER

- BEVELLED FRONT DOORS £499
- WINDOW & DOOR REPAIR SERVICE AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK
- 6 (YALE LOCKING) WINDOWS FITTED FROM £1795
- (YALE LOCKING) DOORS FITTED FROM £475
- (YALE LOCKING) FRENCH DOORS FROM £795
- (YALE LOCKING) CONSERVATORIES FROM £3495
- (YALE LOCKING) COMPOSITE DOORS FITTED FROM £795

Voted Best Installer - Wales 2013 by Network Veka

Award Winning Family Owned Business since 1994!

- ☑ WINDOWS & DOORS
- ☑ FULL REPAIR SERVICE AVAILABLE
- ☑ FREE VERTICAL BLINDS
- ☑ WIDE RANGE OF STYLES & FINISHES
- ☑ 10 YEAR PEACE OF MIND GUARANTEE

VEKA

Yale

REPAIR SERVICE Available 24/7 Call 07976 640959

0% finance available

SPECIAL OFFER not to be missed

This stunning **Bevelled Front Door** fully fitted only £499

NO DEPOSITS AND FREE QUOTES!

ASK ABOUT OUR TRADE WINDOWS, DOORS AND CONSERVATORIES

FREE ONLINE QUOTES
www.mpnwindows.com
or Text your quotes to: 07976 640959

Email: mpnwindows@aol.com

Opening Hours: 9am to 9pm 7 Days a Week

Free Conservatory Design Service Available

We supply & fit Fascias, Gutters & Downpipes

10 YEAR — ALL NETWORK VEKA PRODUCTS COME WITH A 10-YEAR GUARANTEE

APPROVED MEMBER Network VEKA assure

Amazing Offer!
Claim your free vertical blinds with every full house of windows and doors or conservatory fitted!
Terms and conditions apply

WINDOWS M.P.N DOORS & CONSERVATORIES

FENSA facebook twitter

BRIDGEND 01656 349515 - CARDIFF 02920 508770
BARRY 01446 439212 | 07976 640959
www.mpnwindows.com
Showrooms at: 10a Ewenny Road, Bridgend. CF31 3HL
Unit 2 Leckwith Road, Cardiff. CF11 8AP

• FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS •

Inspirational Homes and Gardens

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE?

*Lloyds Banking Group – **Halifax Plc, 91 Holton Road, Barry** – Installation of one internally illuminated 830mmH fascia sign; installation of one internally illuminated 500mmH projecting sign; installation of one internally illuminated ATM surround sign.*

*Mr and Mrs Jeff English – **26 Melyn y Gors, Barry** – Demolition of garage and construction of one new dwelling and garage.*

*Mr Steve and Mrs Jill Jones – **Beech Court, 69 Broadway, Llanblethian, Cowbridge** – To extend at first floor level above the existing kitchen extension to provide a larger bedroom and provide a solid roof to the existing conservatory.*

*Mr Timothy Edwards – **92 Stanwell Road, Penarth** – Removal of a yew tree in front garden.*

*Mrs Lorraine Garrad-Jones – **Gileston Manor, Gileston, Barry** – Proposed replacement of main entrance gates, proposed installation of new rear courtyard gates and restorative work to existing greenhouse.*

*St Andrews Major PCC – **St Peters Church Hall (rear of hall), St Peters Church, Lettons Way, Dinas Powys** – Fell and remove two Sycamores at rear of church hall (renewal of 2011/01108/TPO).*

*Mr Tim Hawkins – **61 Plymouth Road, Penarth** – Conversion of two flats back to a single family home. This will include demolition of the lean-to structure and external staircase to the rear, building a new single storey rear dining room extension, and internal layout alterations.*

*Mr Rhodri Smith – **11 Court Close, Aberthin** – Deletion of Condition 2 of planning permission reference 2010/00600/FUL, to remove requirement of screen to front balcony.*

*Dr Suzanne Wyatt – **Ty Fry Farm, Llandow, Cowbridge** – Conversion of existing barn building within the curtilage of a listed building to residential use; provision of new access driveway; and removal of one modern barn.*

*Mr Ian Fraser – **44 Millfield Drive, Cowbridge** – An extension at the front of the house, matching that already built by the adjoining neighbours.*

*Mr and Mrs A Richards – **Land to the north and east of Tudor Lodge, Bonvilston** – Proposed resurfacing of existing access track and retention, the amendment of earthworks providing existing to the rear of the property, and stopping-up of existing residential access.*

*Mrs Patricia Russell – **15 Caer Ffynnon, Barry** – High hedge.*

*Mrs G Thomas – **2 Heol y Mynydd, Welsh St Donats** – Proposed extension to form garage with hobby room over and roof conversion to form bedroom, plus reinstatement of garden shed.*

*Lloyds Banking Group – **Lloyds TSB Bank Plc, 1 Windsor Road, Penarth** – Three non-illuminated letters; two externally illuminated projecting signs; two externally non-illuminated name plates; two internally non-illuminated applied vinyls; one externally non-illuminated applied vinyl.*

*Mr Bob Lewis – **49 Llanmead Gardens, Rhoose** – Rear box dormer to proposed loft conversion at existing domestic dwelling.*

*Mrs Sheila Crow – **31 Nant Talwg Way, Barry** – Proposed roof dormer in side of rear extension.*

*Mr Steven Sluman – **13 Coed y Felin, Barry** – Garden shed 3.63m long x 1.94m wide x 2m high.*

*Mr Stephen Cowin – **2 Pwll y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely** – Replacement of windows and re-rendering the external walls with smooth acrylic render.*

*Project Management Unit – **Former holiday camp land, Nells Point, Barry Island, Barry** – Development of the land for a temporary car park and temporary events area following the demolition of concrete foundation structures on the site and their use as base material for the proposed car park.*

*Primary Health Investment Properties Ltd – **Cowbridge Health Centre, The Broadshoard, Cowbridge** – Erection of a complementary pharmacy on land adjoining the existing medical centre.*

*Mr James Prichard – **Pwllywrach, Colwinston** – Internal reordering.*

*Mr Christopher Robin Pearson – **34 Clos Celyn, Barry** – UPVC conservatory to rear.*

*Messrs J Thomas and Son – **OS field parcel 0946, north of Newton House, Newton, near Cowbridge** – Stable block with concrete apron to front.*

*Mr Clive Williams – **13 Robinswood Crescent, Penarth** – Porch, garage extension and replacement of garage roof.*

*Mr Lathan Spettie – **28 Windsor Terrace, Penarth** – Replacement of existing windows.*

*Mr Alexander Simmens – **Field to the west of Limefield, Crossways, Cowbridge** – Construction of an agricultural vehicular entrance onto the field from the road and a farm gate.*

*Mr and Mrs Paul Robinson – **17 Laburnum Way, Penarth** – Two storey rear extension.*

*Mr Gavin McKenna – **29 Benecrofte, Rhoose** – Conversion of garage to dining room/utility room (single storage).*

*Mr David Hodges – **17 Southesk Place, Barry – Construct a single storey rear extension.***

*Mr David Brown – **New Beaupre Farm, St Athan Road, Cowbridge** – Retrospective approval for agricultural building in existing farm yard (to be used as winter accommodation for stock).*

*Mr and Mrs Andrew Lord – **Ty Cerrig, Maerdy Newydd, Bonvilston** – Construction of new forestry track.*

*Mr Kevin Tanner – **90 Winston Road, Penarth** – Conversion of existing dwelling to create two no. two-bedroom self-contained flats.*

*Mike Jones – **53 Picton Road, Rhoose** – Create first floor side extension above existing converted garage and convert loft with dormer extension.*

*Mrs Harson – **25 Lon Lindys, Rhoose** – Part conversion of existing garage to habitable room.*

*Mr Derreck Coyle – **34 Cosmeston Drive, Penarth** – Front two storey extension.*

*Mr and Mrs P Halstead – **2 Rowan Close, Penarth** – Single storey rear kitchen extension.*

*Mark Andrews – **Steamers, 4 Windsor Arcade, Penarth** – Change of use from shop to cafe/bar.*

*David Evans Agricultural Ltd – **Whitton Cross, Junction Five Mile Lane and Walterston Road** – Advertisement and off-site signage.*

*R S Bird Ltd – **R S Bird Ltd, Birds Lane, Cowbridge**– One (revised) profile sign over entrance to alleyway from High Street to Birds Lane.*

*Ms Jody Carter – **10 Hollyrood Close, Barry** – Proposed single storey rear extension (sun lounge and utility).*

*Cardpoint Cashzone – **Budgens Stores Ltd, 36 Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys** – The installation of an ATM installed through existing brickwork. ATM fascia with internally illuminated light blue Cash sign to the top of the ATM fascia. ATM Cash zone non-illuminated surround in dark blue and light blue medite polycarbonate.*

*Mr Lee Powell – **The Pippins, Drope Road, St Georges Super Ely** – Orangery to rear and extension to front elevation.*

*Mr David Wooller – **9 The Paddocks, Penarth** – Ground floor; extension to kitchen, utility room, family room. Conversion of existing garage to living accommodation and erection of new garage. First floor; erection of bedroom/ensuite extension.*

*Mr Roger Bassett – **Highmead, Pen-y-Lan, Newton, Cowbridge** – Extension to north of lounge wing, extension of undercroft formed by foundation construction. First floor extension to lounge wing bedroom, study, bathroom. Replace concrete tile with slate. Alterations to east wing to include single garage. Replace existing conservatory and entrance porch.*

*Mr Hugh Connolly – **5 Speedwell Drive, Rhoose** – Orangery extension to replace existing conservatory.*

*Mr Nicholas Hegarty – **St Brides Court, St Brides Major** – Installation of 1 x 5kw small wind turbine (Evance R9000) on 1 18m tower.*

*Mr Martin Ellis – **14 Pwll y Min Crescent, Peterston super Ely** – Two storey rear extension.*

*Mr James Jewell – **Grove Cottage, Sigginstone** – Dismantle and fell two conifers.*

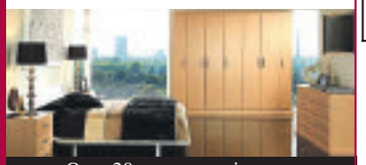
*Mr G Hughes – **GM2 House, Westbourne School, Plymouth Road, Penarth** – Change of use of first floor from office (class B1) use to student accommodation/student boarding house (class C1) use.*

*Mrs Hayley Clare – **43-44 Harvey Street, Barry** – Change of use to seven bedroom house in multiple occupation. Demolition of existing covered rear courtyard. Additional windows to front four rear elevations and provision of entrance to side elevation.*

*Mr Brian Evans – **Land opposite Forest Farm, Cowbridge road, Talygarn** – General purpose building.*

Timberaway
Garden and Tree Services
(NPTC)
Qualified Tree Surgeon
Fully Insured
All types of garden and tree work undertaken.
Competitive prices which include Waste removal
Martin Robson awaits your call!
01446 402848
07739 389578

thomas Kitchens & Bedrooms

SPECIAL OFFER
FREE INSTALLATION ON KITCHENS!
Subject to terms and conditions.
Also an impressive range of bedroom furniture . . .

Over 20 years experience
FREE design - FREE planning
Call now for your FREE HOME VISIT
Tel | 01656 662665
Mob | 07872 451612
Visit us at
4 Derwen Road, Bridgend CF31 1LH
enquiries@thomaskitchensandbedrooms.co.uk
www.thomaskitchensandbedrooms.co.uk

eco-oven cleaning
Treat yourself to a Sparkling clean oven

call 02920 291770
www.ecoovencleaning.co.uk

Future Ideal Homes Ltd
Installing Trust and Peace of Mind
Future Ideal Homes Ltd are your one stop shop for all your Home Improvements
- Bespoke Kitchens, Bathrooms and Bedrooms
- All aspects of PVC-u Windows Doors and Conservatories
- Orangeries/Conversions
- Vertex tile effect roof
- Build and Maintenance
- Repairs

...and much much more all through one company
SALE NOW ON

• FREE Design Work
• FREE no obligation quotes
• No hard sell
• Discounts for elderly
Future Ideal Homes Ltd
For your FREE, no obligation quote call us free today on
0800 0320921
Book to visit our showrooms now via appointment only by contacting one of our friendly team on 01446 733455 or visit our website:
www.futureidealhomesltd.com
FMB FENSA TRUST MARK
20% OFF
All PVC-u Windows, Doors & Conservatories with this voucher

BAMC 20th anniversary open day

The pictures on this page were taken by **MIKE WILCOCK.** *They are available to order from wilcock60@aol.com or telephone 01446 774502.*

BRITISH AIRWAYS Maintenance Cardiff alongside Cardiff Airport held an open day to celebrate its 20th anniversary.

Not only was it a celebration for the staff, members of the public, and particularly children, were welcome.

As you can see from Mike Wilcock's photographs the youngsters were very excited by what they saw, perhaps inspiring one or two of them to one day get involved in the aircraft industry as a career.

RNLI LIFEGUARDS GEARED FOR BUSY SUMMER SEASON

VALE of Glamorgan RNLI lifeguards have completed their training and have returned to Southerndown beach to provide safety cover for the summer season.

It will be the second year for the charity's lifeguards to provide a safety service on Vale beaches, after a successful debut service last summer. The charity's lifeguards will be working with the RNLI lifeboat volunteers, as well as local surf lifesaving clubs to ensure the public's safety.

The lifeguards have already been busy offering safety advice and assistance on Whitmore Bay since Easter.

They will be at their posts every day on Southerndown, 10am-6pm, ready to spot potential dangers before they develop and offer appropriate safety advice when needed. The charity's lifeguards responded and assisted 36 people on Southerndown beach last year.

Stuart Thompson, RNLI lifeguard manager, said: "The lifeguards' main role on the beach is to offer advice to members of the public. By offering safety advice such as the state of the tide and to swim between the red and yellow flags, hopefully this will help visitors stay safe when visiting the coast.

"RNLI lifeguards responded to various incidents, including some severe accidents on the beaches last year – from major first aid as a result of tombstoning to minor first aid incidents. But because of the intense training and various skills that are required from the lifeguards, they were able to respond to all incidents quickly and successfully."

RNLI lifeguards will be returning to another two of the county's beaches later in July, as they provide safety cover on Llantwit Major and Ogmore from July 20.

For more information on beach safety, visit the RNLI website: www.rnli.org.uk.

Lions Clubs raise £2,355 for charity

MARIE CURIE, which has a hospice in Penarth, praised Lions Clubs for helping to make the charity's Great Daffodil Appeal a roaring success this year.

Lions Clubs, including Penarth and Barry, Llantwit Major, and Cowbridge, raised £2,355.49 to help to provide 117 hours of nursing care.

Labour surgery

VALE and Barry town Labour councillors for Castleland ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake, Les Sword and Karl Kuhnell will be holding an advice surgery this Saturday,July 13, at the Drop-In Centre, Castleland Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry from 10.30am until 12pm.

No appointment necessary. If you need advice but can't attend, call Coun Elmore on 10446 450007, or 07867 506116.

AS FAW STAND BY THEIR DECISION... Vale Council stands by Barry Town

THE Vale Council has said it will "stand shoulder to shoulder" with Barry Town officials in their quest to for Welsh League status.

Barry Town have applied to the Football Association of Wales for membership, but the governing body have showed no sign of endorsing that application.

Coun Gwyn John of the Vale Council said: "The Vale of Glamorgan Council is furious to learn that the FAW has not had a change of heart regarding Barry Town's place in the league.

"We have stood shoulder to shoulder with the club on this matter from the start, and we want the players and the manager to know they will continue to have our unflinching support.

"This is not just about football – it is also about pride in the town, its future and the future of our young people."

Car wash will help volunteer

THERE will be a charity car wash at Cowbridge Fire Station this Saturday, July 13, 10.30am–3pm.

The event will raise funds for local girl Melisa Gooding, a year-12 pupil in Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

Melisa will be spending three weeks of the summer holidays, working as a volunteer in an area of the Philippines which was hit by the Tsunami in 2004, and again by a typhoon in 2011.

In the latter event, 1.200 people were killed, and 50,000 homes were damaged or destroyed.

Dine out and help hospice

CHINESE restaurant, Oriental Garden, is donating all of its takings to Marie Curie Hospice at a fundraising lunch on Monday, July 22.

The buffet restaurant in Cardiff Bay, will be open for lunch between 12 midday and 2.30pm and will be inviting the public to an all-you-can-eat charity feast for just £6.95 per head (£4 for children).

Kit Chan, owner of Oriental Garden, said: "I have experienced first-hand the tremendous efforts of all the staff at Marie Curie. I hope people will dig deep and help with the fundraising efforts by joining us for a fantastic lunch on July 22."

Ty Hafan lottery winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D782.

- **£2,000: 318732**.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £1,500, was not won this week.**
- **£10:** 670821, 413084, 297252, 548658, 437007, 776220, 425116, 411607, 642482, 151411, 422987, 117491, 498157, 132934, 394977, 540138, 834915, 690582, 485368, 368715.
- **£5:** 978085, 610359, 160702, 506384, 395369, 735493, 967382, 269965, 645201, 895707, 608278, 668370, 782428, 544402, 907396, 505763, 113892, 546700, 252619, 687697, 445701,451366, 748312, 169098, 748071, 794412, 178424, 314399, 376581, 286100, 964987, 795461, 540131, 900246, 375068, 764788, 296611, 337497, 410972, 982556, 177918, 492612, 576430, 387051, 753357, 355924, 164817, 675019, 623257, 830591, 527599, 974471, 366598, 514183, 140212, 236421, 207726, 556366, 181842.

The GEM cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions contained in the above.

For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

The Green Dragon Inn Llancadle

01446 750881

20% OFF Food & Drink

Every Wednesday from 5pm onwards

Monday 15th July
QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 19th July
LIVE BAND -
The Shrieking Violets

JULY LUNCHTIME SPECIALS
Monday - Friday 12 - 2pm
2 Courses £6.95
3 Courses £7.95

www.greendragon-llancadle.co.uk
email: greendragon.llancadle@gmail.com

PACT meetings

SULLY PACT, July 11 at Jubilee Hall, Smithies Avenue, Sully at 8.15pm.

PACT coffee and chat meeting, July 16, at the Red Lion, Bonvilston, at 11.30am.

ST AUGUSTINES PACT, July 17 at the Windsor Public House, at 7pm.

LLANTWIT PACT, July 17 at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre at 7pm.

STANWELL PACT, July 19 at The Pod, St Luke's Avenue, at 6pm.

CADOC PACT, July 24 at the Palmerston Community and learning Centre at 6pm.

COURT PACT, Ilminster Scout Hall, Ilminster Street, Barry, on July 25 at 6pm.

ADVERTISING PROMOTION

Be enchanted by Madeira

WITH its sub-tropical climate, abundant natural beauty and rich cultural heritage, Madeira offers all the ingredients for a sophisticated, relaxing holiday.

It's a small island – just 35 miles long and 13 wide – but it would take a lifetime to exhaust all the possibilities it offers visitors.

'The floating garden of the Atlantic' is one of the many epithets by which Madeira has been known, and it's easy to see why. Thanks to the rich volcanic soil and gentle climate, the island is covered in lush vegetation of all kinds – including many plants that are more often seen in the tropics.

Common plants include jacaranda, frangipani and Australian flame trees, and spring sees the lowlands carpeted with wildflowers (including the bizarre 'Bird of Paradise' – Madeira's national flower).

The wild north of the island is blanketed in ancient laurel forests, which are designated a Unesco World Heritage Site.

The island is rich in cultural traditions and is especially famous for its handicrafts. The skills of embroidery, wickerwork and linen-making have been passed down through countless generations.

Also, throughout every month of the year, there's seldom a shortage of festivals taking place somewhere on the island, whether religious, gastronomic or artistic.

Madeira is one of the best places in the world to take a walking holiday, with thousands of kilometres of trails to discover. Atlantic Holidays has a well-established walking programme for visitors, including four full-day walks that take in the loveliest and most scenic landscapes.

The island's status as a top golf destination is also well established, and pre-bookable packages are available that take in the two outstanding courses on the island. Atlantic Holidays staff can help with arrangements for playing the Seve Ballesteros-designed course on Porto Santo.

The island's capital, Funchal, is a modern, cosmopolitan city famed for being one of the greenest regional capitals of Europe, with beautiful gardens where flowers bloom all year round.

So if you're planning a break in Madeira, it pays to enlist the experts. At Atlantic Holidays, our aim is simple: to offer discerning travellers the very best holiday experience in this idyllic destination.

For more information on Madeira holidays, telephone 01452 381888 or visit www.atlanticholidays.net/CAR.

Cowbridge firm's £200,000 investment

Five new jobs / opportunities

COWBRIDGE-based furniture manufacturer Wilcare has announced a £200,000 investment in new production equipment and five new jobs – after recording its "best trading period in the last three years".

A leading manufacturer of bespoke powered rise and recline chairs in the UK, Wilcare has reported a 25 per cent sales increase in the first half of 2013, compared with the same period last year.

Established in 2001, the company produces over 25 models of craftsman-built chairs for hospitals, care homes, mobility dealerships, charities and community equipment suppliers, from its factory at Llandow.

As part of its expansion, Wilcare has invested £200,000 in two advanced AXYC CNC wood routing machines from Canada, enabling it to increase production output of internal frames and components by 50 per cent.

To handle the expansion, five new jobs have been created in the company's hand-finished upholstery, woodworking, preparation and shipping departments.

Anthony Kiff, Managing Director of Wilcare said: "It is encouraging to see buoyancy returning to the furniture sector after five testing years economically.

"We are seeing a healthy increase in our order books, both for our own brand range and in contracted manufacturing for suppliers to the NHS furniture."

Back row, left to right: Phil Hunt (secretary); Peter Chaffey (treasurer); Paul Halstead (president nominee) and Robin Pitcher (president elect). Front row, left to right: John Shapland (immediate past president); Peter Battle (president).

John hands over to Peter at Barry Rotary Club...

THE Rotary Club of Barry held its formal handover dinner meeting on July 4 at the Manor House Hotel in Sully, when outgoing president John Shapland handed over the chain of office to Mr Peter Battle, the new president for 2013/14.

Peter is a retired residential home owner, who joined Rotary 23 years ago in 1990. He was club president in 1997/98 and has a Paul Harris Fellowship award for his outstanding contribution to the work of the Rotary movement.

In August, the Rotary Club of Barry will be at the Vale Show in Fonmon supporting Stroke Awareness by offering free blood pressure tests.

Plans are already in hand for the annual fireworks fiesta on November 5 at Barry Island, which will take place come rain or shine!

Also taking up their new chains of office were Mr Robin Pitcher (president elect for 2014/15) and Mr Paul Halstead (president nominee for 2015/16).

Mr Phil Hunt was reappointed as club secretary and Mr Peter Chaffey was reappointed as club treasurer.

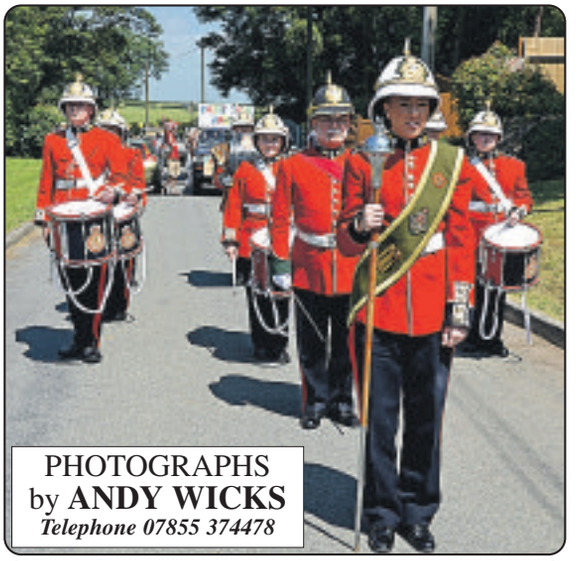
The Rotary Club of Barry meets weekly in the Mount Sorrel Hotel on Thursdays (6.30pm). For further information, call 01446 710204 or look online at www.ribi.org.

SENIOR CITIZENS

THE next meeting of Cowbridge Senior Citizens is on July 18 at 2pm in the Lesser Hall, where a speaker will discuss forthcoming day trips and holidays.

The meeting is September, when an antique dealer will value members' favorite objects. All are welcome to both meetings. Contact Mavis Ashford on 01446 775508 for more details.

Colwinston village parade and fete is a day full of entertainment and fun!



PHOTOGRAPHS by **ANDY WICKS**
Telephone 07855 374478

COLWINSTON village fete and parade took place last Saturday, July 6, in blinding sunshine.

As you can see from Andy Wicks' photographs of the day, the parade through the village was full of colour and included a marching band.

People of all ages had a great day, but most excited of all were the dozens of youngsters who enjoyed the entertainment and activities.

DAVID'S SUPERB EAGLE, BUT IT'S A SAD DAY FOR A DUCK!

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Friday at the superb Long Ashton Golf Club in Bristol, when members competed for the PJC International Classic Trophy, and a mass of prizes supplied by generous sponsor Mr John Caines.

This annual 'overseas' event entails an early start by coach from Cowbridge to allow for a full day's golf with both a morning and afternoon competition for members and their guests to enjoy.

The day, however, will long be remembered for two quite contrasting incidents involving Trevor Wooding and guest David Taylor.

In the morning's Texas scramble competition, Trevor was extremely unfortunate when a well-struck shot to the green failed to gain any height, making direct contact with a duck that had meandered onto the fairway from a pond.

Despite having a veterinary surgeon and also a paramedic out on the course, and receiving immediate attention from playing companions Aubrey Thomas and Barrie Melhuish, nothing could be done to save the poor duck.

Thankfully, retired builder Jim Hayes was also in attendance who proceeded, with much dignity, to lay the duck to rest at the side of the pond.

On a happier note, in the afternoon's individual stableford competition, guest David Taylor achieved a remarkable eagle when holing his second shot on the 445-yard 14th hole.

At this same hole another guest, Tim Jarvis, hit a monster of a drive, estimated at over 300 yards to easily win the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge-sponsored longest drive competition.

The day will also be remembered for the magnificent performance of Glyn Watts-Jones.

Playing his third round of golf in as many days and despite the added pressure of planning a milestone birthday party which is rapidly approaching, Glyn returned to the clubhouse with an excellent 34 stableford points to easily win the PJC International Classic Trophy.

Winning golfers at Long Ashton with captain Gwyn Thomas and sponsor John Caines.

Runner up with 30 points was Glyn's close friend Ray Howells; Neil Mclean was again in the honours when finishing third with 29 points, just two ahead of Tim Jarvis who finished fourth.

GUEST SECTION

IN the guest section, Ron Chamberlain took the honours with 31 points, Barrie Melhuish was second with 30 points and Dan Jarvis third with 29.

Nearest the pin on the Llanerch Vineyard and Restaurant-sponsored par-3 holes were Coun Raymond Thomas, Dai John, Ron Chamberlain and Peter O'Toole.

Neil McLean correctly guessed 64 balls would fail to make the coach journey back to Cowbridge to win the 'Premier Turf' sponsored lost ball prize of a bottle of whiskey which, incidentally, also failed to complete the coach journey home.

However, the £100 raised by organising this fun competition was safely sent off to Y Bwthin Newydd in Bridgend.

Results of the morning's 10-hole Texas Scramble competition: winning team with a net score of 33.95 – Tosh Taylor, David Taylor, Clive Edwards and Aubrey Bowen; runners-up with a net score of 36.00 – Ray Howells, Griff Morgan and Glyn Watts-Jones.

The best endeavour with a miserable net score of 41.45 – came from Keith James, Tony McCarthy, Ron Chamberlain and Gareth Perkins.

Members of the society are now looking forward to captain's day on Thursday, July 18, at RAF St Athan Golf Club, which captain Gwyn Thomas will be hosting.

'Nipper' Jewell Memorial Trophy quarter final draw: Clive Thomas v Trevor Wooding; Aubrey Bowen v Glyn Watts-Jones; Geraint Davies v John Davies; Julian Kelly v Neil McLean. All matches to be played by Thursday, July 25.

T McC

Colours fuse together on school sports day!

PUPILS at St David's Primary School, Colwinston, enjoyed "a wonderful sports day" last week.

Each house, red, green, blue and yellow, participated with enthusiasm, from the egg and spoon race to distance racing, the children excelled themselves.

The red house were the winners at the end of the day, but fun was had by all children, parents and teachers, the beautiful weather helping to make the day a great success!

Picture by Gemma Griffiths Photography

Year of Convoy veterans honoured

THE Year of the Convoy 2013 has involved commemorations, tributes and remembrance, long awaited medals and at last gallantry awards for our heroes!

The Arctic Star for the campaign and Ushakov Awards for bravery are finally being presented.

The Battle of the Atlantic was a dominating factor all through the Second World War. Never for one moment could we forget that everything happening elsewhere, on land, at sea or in the air depended ultimately on its outcome.

During this Year of the Convoy 2013, much has been achieved to raise awareness, pay tribute and honour those that were there.

During May, the first Arctic Star medals were presented by the Prime Minister and both national and local Battle of the Atlantic commemorations took place.

The Arctic convoys were the daring ocean going convoys during World War Two that sailed the northern Arctic route from the UK, Iceland and North America to Russia to keep them supplied and able to fight with the Allies.

Barry Dock, Glamorgan and indeed, Wales and her ports and men, played a major part.

The Arctic convoys transported more than four million tonnes of supplies to the Soviet Union. More than 100 ships were lost with 3,000 sailors losing their lives.

Winston Churchill said the arctic convoy mission was "the most dangerous journey in the world".

With the permission of the Queen, the Master of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets, the British Prime Minister David Cameron and Russian President Vladimir Putin finally awarded the first Russian Ushakov medals to World War Two Arctic Convoy veterans during a meeting at 10 Downing Street on June 16.

Months of June 1940-45

ON June 19, 1940 the Steamship *British Monarch* was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine U-48 when on passage from Bougie (now Béjaïa), Algeria, for Glasgow with a cargo of iron ore.

She was lost with all hands. Local men that perished included Thomas George Bennett the Chief Officer, George Eric Huebner the Cook and his assistant Christmas Evan Aspinall aged18, Able Seamen Gerald Azzopardi of Cadoxton, Michael Reynolds, also from Cadoxton, Claude Melvin and Ali Saleh.

The following day, on June 20, the *SS Otterpool* a British cargo vessel was torpedoed by U-30, 80 miles south of the Scilly Isles. Twenty-two of her crew and a gunner were lost from a total of 38 including local man William Michael Melvin, aged 40.

The *SS Tregarthen* was a British Steamer built for the Hain Steamship Company. On June 6, 1941 she was sunk by a German submarine when 900 miles east of Cape Race. All of her crew were lost including Andrew Johnson, son of Hercules and Wilhelmena Johnson; husband of Dorothy Louisa Johnson, of Barry Dock.

The following year on June 9, 1941 the *SS Trevarrack* when on route for Montreal from the Clyde was torpedoed in mid Atlantic. She had been dispersed on June 5 from convoy OB-329; she was hit underneath the bridge by one G7e torpedo from German submarine U-101 and sank SW of Cape Clear.

The U-boat had spotted the ship coming out of the fog at 17.10 hours and reported seeing three lifeboats after the sinking.

However, the master, 37 crew members and seven passengers were lost, including a local man Denis Walker, aged 44.

The *SS Baron Carnegie* was in convoy off the Mumbles, when on June 11, 1941, she was bombed by German aircraft, she later sank in tow before reaching port.

Twenty-five crew were lost including locals Arthur Charles Begley (fireman and trimmer), ordinary seaman Thomas Ewin Marshall Gervaise, sailor Marcus Hugh Nicholls of Cadoxton, ordinary seaman Horace Patridge and boy Edward James Wallace.

On June 29, 1941, U-651 fired two G7e torpedoes at the convoy HX-133 south of Iceland and sank the *SS Grayburn*.

The U-boat was sunk by the escort vessels of the convoy later that day.

The master, 26 crew members including David Hilton Payne (husband of Georgina Payne of Barry Dock) and all eight gunners were lost from the *Grayburn*.

June 1942 saw Japanese submarines disrupt Allied shipping in the Mozambique Channel between Mozambique and Madagascar.

At 9.53 am on June 8, 1942 the British Steamship *King Lud* was torpedoed and sank with no survivors. The Fourth Engineer Officer Brinley Charles Davies, aged 27, was a local man.

The *SS Lylepark* was a British Cargo Vessel. On the June 11, 1942 she was intercepted and sunk by gun fire by the German Raider Michel in the South Atlantic.

LLANTWIT MAJOR.

Thirty-six men were killed including Edward Richard Davies aged 26. There were three survivors. The *Lylepark* was not in convoy.

The following day, on June 12, the *SS Dartford,* a British Cargo Steamer when on route from Tyne and Oban for Sydney in Convoy ONS-100 was torpedoed by U-124 and sunk south of Cape Race. Thirty crew were lost from a total crew of 47. Joseph Bonnie and James Williams of Barry were among the dead.

The dedication on the London, Tower Hill Memorial is to: "The 24,000 of the Merchant Navy and fishing fleets whose names are honoured on the walls of this garden gave their lives for their country and have no grave but the sea."

The names of those honoured are listed by vessel and the vessels are listed in alphabetical order.

For the Merchant Navy it was rare that most of the lost crews would ever be found, but although of small comfort if bodies were recovered they could be returned to their loved ones for burial.

Many countrywide that are buried are without a Commonwealth War Grave Commission headstone. Many in the case of the Merchant Navy simply did not meet the criteria set for commemoration. Vast amounts of Merchant Seamen have no grave.

During this Year of the Convoy 2013, we attempt to remember the many fallen of the Merchant Naval Service and pay tribute to the many from the Vale of Glamorgan and all that sailed from Barry Dock.

TOWER HILL, LONDON.

The Llantwit Major War Memorial is a stone Celtic cross, it is located in the centre of Llantwit itself, the monument includes the names of Merchant Navy men: Radio Officer Adolphus H Daw, Chief Officer Selby Charles Daw, Thomas George. Other Vale monuments are being researched. Also of Llantwit were George Morgan Villis and Andrew Hunter.

Merchant Navy Day is September 3 every year.

The annual national commemoration is at Tower Hill, London on Sunday, September 8 and will remember all.

The Merchant Navy Association (Wales) Barry branch will hold its Annual Seafarers' Service during this Year of the Convoy 2013 in September, shortly after the Post Office Merchant Navy Stamps of approval issue.

JIM GREENWAY

UPDATE FROM THE PENARTH RAMBLERS

Penarth and District Ramblers at Sharpness ship's graveyard

RECENTLY, on an overcast morning, Jan and John led nine Penarth and District Ramblers on a walk in Gloucestershire.

Descending through fields, they reached Purton hamlet – which was a renowned port that exported Forest of Dean timber for use by the Royal Navy, and was also the earliest ferry port, with a ferry being in operation in 1282.

After Isambard Kingdom Brunel built the south Wales mainline railway, the port fell into decline and ceased trading in 1851.

The group made their way to the towpath beside the Sharpness to Gloucester canal which is 16 miles long with a total of 18 bridges, and was a hive of activity with various forms of pleasure crafts.

Further along the canal, they reached the abutments of the old Severn Railway Bridge that spanned the river where the Severn and Wye railway disaster occurred on October 25, 1960.

In the fog, the tanker *Arkendale H* carrying 300 tons of black oil as cargo, collided with *Westdale H* which had 350 tons of volatile petroleum spirit on board.

A fractured gas main caused an explosion and a mighty fire and both vessels sank resulting in the loss of five lives.

The group walked across the pontoon and swing bridges of the still active Sharpness Docks that were built in 1874 to accommodate ships that were too large to use the canal.

Crossing fields, a lane led them back to the Lammastide Inn at New Brookend.

On July 13, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for a 10-mile moderate walk in the Wick area; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On 14 July, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a seven-mile moderate walk to King Arthur's Cave in the Wye Valley; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

Students grill cabinet minister

UK cabinet minister Oliver Letwin MP, was invited to visit Ysgol Bro Morgannwg with Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale this week, during a visit to the Vale.

Mr Letwin is responsible for co-ordinating UK Government policy and was welcomed by headteacher Dr Dylan Jones, before joining pupils for a question and answer session.

The years 8-10 students from the School Council, were eager to hear from the Minister about why and how he decided to be involved in politics and in his role in the cabinet.

Issues raised by the students included quizzing the Minister on his views about the different education systems in England and Wales, how he felt that the UK should be promoted abroad on the tail of the successes of 2012, and whether politicians should be seen as role models.

Mr Cairns commented: "I was delighted that the Minister was able to come to the Vale and visit the successful Welsh language comprehensive school in Barry.

"The Minister was keen to engage with young people from across the Vale and the question time session was packed with a range of local and national issues that the pupils wanted to raise with him."

Children step back to Roman times

YEAR-3 at St Helen's RC Junior School visited Caerleon recently and had an amazing day trying on the Roman armour.

They followed this with lunch in the sunshine and then acted out battles in the amphitheatre.

The children were a credit to the school and showed the museum staff just how much knowledge they had learnt during year 3, a school spokesperson reported.

Steering Group

group members Ethan Galsworthy, Jack and Tom Bloomfield, Emyr Union and Olivia Barnett gave up their time to help promote the campaign for Barry to become a FairTrade town.

The stall, which was part of the Scout fete, was a big success and the children asked members of the public to sign a petition, gave out stickers, and answered questions.

GREEN LIGHT

Over the last few months, St Helen's pupils, teachers and parents have been working hard to improve the green areas at the school.

After many trips to the skip and hours of back-breaking work, the school is starting to bloom. Thankyou to Cardiff Prison Service for the donation of the beautiful flowers, they do really help to add the finishing touches to our school.

LG

Magic movie beguiles... *but ultimately falls short*

by GARETH JAMIESON
Follow Screen Talk on Twitter – @GEMScreenTalk

MAGIC has come a long way in a short time, going from pulling rabbits out of hats to making the Statue of Liberty disappear – but what if you could use magic to rob a bank without even being in the same country, let alone continent, as that bank?

That is the premise of *Now You See Me*, in which a group of illusionists (among them Jesse Eisenberg, Isla Fisher and Woody Harrelson) are pursued by an FBI agent (Mark Ruffalo) and an Interpol agent (Melanie Laurent) when they do just that, pulling a bank heist during their performance; but are the group's aims as transparent as they seem or is there more than meets the eye?

The wonderful thing about magic is watching it unfold and then, comes the big reveal, wondering how exactly they did that; when you see behind the curtain, and how they actually manage to pull it off, then the trick loses some of its sheen.

It's a similar situation for *Now You See Me*, a film that is slick, glossy and stylishly executed, yet when you peek at the 'how' of it all, leaves you feeling deflated and a little disappointed.

Up until then, the film, directed with zeal by Louis Leterrier, whizzes by nicely – superficial yes but enjoyably entertaining, the plot making very few attempts to wring any real depth from the characters and their interpersonal relationships (something that feels rather odd); instead, cruising by on some neat little narrative swivels that keep you engaged.

Leterrier, whose previous CV has been littered with CGI overloads like *Clash Of The Titans*, reins that tendency in and instead lets the story do most of the heavy lifting, though we're never short of the occasional camera flourish (although a car chase feels very much out of place within the piece).

The film also rests on the easy charm of a cast who are all capable of so much, but are never required to do anything but the bare minimum here.

Jesse Eisenberg adds another intelligent geek to his resume, albeit one with a slightly harder edge than we've seen, while Woody Harrelson is his usual, highly watchable self.

If Isla Fisher and Dave Franco are short-changed by the script (neither having that much to get involved in), then Mark Ruffalo and Melanie Laurent pick up the slack as the agents on their tail, their relationship getting far more of the important screentime than that of the four magicians.

The script uses the strengths of the actors well, their personalities giving the protagonists far more verve than there appears to be on the page, and as the story plays out you look forward to seeing how it will all unravel. Sadly, the big reveal falls disappointingly short, lacking in logic and feeling like there's been a little too much rug-pulling taking place.

It's the sort of film that you would let wash over you, if it weren't for the fact that its subject matter is something based on the importance of distraction and big reveals; but, while the ending is flat, the rest of *Now You See Me* makes for a pleasing viewing experience.

VERDICT: Lacking the 'Tah Dah!' factor come the end, up until that point *Now You See Me* is a breezy film that makes the most of a cast who are enjoying playing with such light material; it is a shame that the ending isn't up to par with the rest of the film, but it's a blight that doesn't weigh too heavily upon it. Enjoyable.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Prestige* (2006), *Ocean's Eleven* (2001).

EILEEN'S MEMORIES ENTHRAL COWBRIDGE FESTIVAL

ON Thursday, July 4, followers of the Cowbridge Book Festival were treated to an interesting and enlightening interview of war veteran Eileen Younghusband by the popular BBC radio broadcaster Roy Noble.

The occasion was the launch of Eileen's third book, *Men I Have Known,* which charts her long life from the 1920s to the present day, through the many famous men she has met.

The event was also a celebration of Eileen's 92nd birthday.

Roy very capably guided Eileen through many stories and anecdotes that revealed what a truly extraordinary woman she is, and what a fascinating life she has led.

We were given a unique insight into her long life and heard intimate and personal opinions about some of the most influential men of the 20th century.

It was a light hearted and frequently amusing conversation that delighted the audience, who also had the chance to meet and chat with Eileen and Roy over afternoon tea provided by Babs Hole and members of the Old Hall Reading Group.

The next festival event is a children's story-telling day on Saturday, July 13 at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, when Elmer the Patchwork Elephant Comes to Cowbridge; details from the festival website.cowbridgebookfestival@talktalk.net.

Music festival at Llysworney

Sun shines on Sully Art

THE eagerl- awaited annual exhibition of the Sully Painting Group was held in the Jubilee Hall on the last weekend in June.

For the past 12 months, members had painted in oils, acrylic and watercolour, and created pictures in pastels.

All this culminated in a demonstration and sale of their work on June 28 and 29.

The weather, which has caused a reduction of visitors in the past, was much kinder this year and a steady stream of visitors kept us busy on the Friday evening session.

Although the sun shone on Saturday, the rival attraction of events in Australia and Wimbledon appeared to affect our visitor numbers.

This was a pity as the variety and standard of the displayed art was if anything greater than ever and although the number of paintings was down slightly on last year, more were sold.

A percentage of the sale price is added to proceeds of the grand raffle and entry fees, and given to Ty Hafan and the Teenage Cancer Trust, selected as our two charities this year.

A big feature of our exhibition is the selection of the most appealing picture, based on votes cast by visitors. This year the choice was very difficult, due to the variety of different styles, subjects and media and voting was spread widely.

The overall winner was a painting by Pat Clifton, called 'Swanbridge Panorama', a beautiful local coastal scene. Second was also by Pat, a delightful picture of a little girl in spring 'The Wonder of Spring'. Jan Parsons came third with an appealing pastel of 'Ginger the Dog'.

Pat Clifton and her winning pictures.

Sully Painting Group takes this opportunity to thank all those who came and made the exhibition such a success.

Jubilee Hall is a multifunctional facility, and the Painting Group is grateful for the cooperation of the other users in helping to get the Hall ready for their Exhibition.

Sully Painting Group welcomes potential new members to their meetings on Tuesday afternoons and evenings. For more information contact Ros Adams on 02920 707553.

R A ADAMS

PUPILS' CREATIVE TALENTS ON SHOW

LEFT: There was keen interest in pupils'work.

CHILDREN who took part in the Tales of Driftwood project at Porthkerry Park displayed their creative work at a special celebration event at the Forest Lodge.

The lodge was decorated with trees, sails, lobster pots, lanterns, pebbles and artifacts from all the stories the children encountered on their theatre workshop with Theatr Iolo.

Their work ranged from creative stories, poetry, sea collages and memory pebbles to letters in a bottle and smelly potions.

A new story telling chair has been placed in the lodge garden, designed and carved by Simon Hedger, which will launch a planned interactive literacy trail at Porthkerry.

Stagecoach workshops

STAGECOACH Theatre Arts is enrolling now for its popular summer holiday workshops, each complete in itself, running for five days.

The workshops include singing, dancing and acting, the chance to make new friends, develop skills and confidence, in a safe environment with professional tuition.

Open to all aged three to 18. The dates and venues are: August 12-16 in Cowbridge; August 19-23 in Bridgend.

Ages three to six: 9.30am-12.30pm; cost £100.

Ages six to 18: 10am-4pm, cost £145 (£100 sibling).

Apply online at www.stagecoach.co.uk or call Helene on 01446 781454 to book a place today!

PHOTOGRAPHS by **ANDY WICKS**
Telephone 07855 374478

THE Carne Arms at Llysworney recently held a music and beer festival.

As you can see from Andy Wicks' pictures people enjoyed the entertainment – and sampling a range of brews!

The performers on the day were Claire M, and Side Effects.

Out and About with The GEM

AM's surgery

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery on Saturday (July 13) from 10am to 12 noon at Barry CAB office, 119 Broad Street, Barry.

Valeways walks

ON July 14 at 5pm, 'around the Bay', stopping at World of Boats. Meet at Penarth Barrage car park; car parking fee applies.

On July 16 at 1.30pm, 'out into the countryside', meeting at Cosmeston Country Park, Penarth, outside the visitor centre.

On July 17 at 10.30am, Nash Point lighthouse and fog horn, meeting at Nash Point near to cafe; parking fee may apply.

On July 18 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Rhoose Railway Station car park.

On July 21 at 10.30am, 'St Nicholas ramble', meeting at the church in St Nicholas.

On July 24 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers (Barry hub) meet at Cold Knap, Barry, outside the Bridge Cafe.

On July 26 at 10am, 'a wool factory and an air crash' two-hour walk, meeting at the Carne Arms, Llysworney.

On July 28 at 2pm, 'summer walk to salmon leaps', meeting at St Peter's Church, Millbrook Road, Dinas Powys.

Charity tea party

ON July 15 at 11.30am-1pm, Pencoed Comprehensive School will hold a strawberry tea party to raise money for Breast Cancer Care UK.

Open to the public; admission £3.50.

"Last year at Pencoed, we raised over £1,500 in our annual strawberry tea party. This year we hope to match or even exceed that amount by getting involved to help support even more people affected by breast cancer. It is a worthy cause that we as a sixth form are keen and thrilled to support," said the prefect team.

Chorus date

FLEMINGSTON Church will benefit from a performance by The Minnesingers Male Chorus (musical director, Meryn Williams), at The Gathering Place, Flemingston Road, St Athan, on Friday, July 19 at 7.30pm.

Contact Cathy Crompton on 01446 751490 for information.

Plant sale

THERE will be a plant sale on Saturday, July 20 at 10am-12.30pm in the Lesser Town Hall, Cowbridge, with plants grown by Hardy Plant Society members in south Wales. Free entry, non-members welcome.

Llandow fete

LLANDOW Village Hall fete takes place on Saturday, July 20 (2pm). Fun for the whole family; stalls, bar, barbecue, music, games, auction, refreshments, raffle. Entrance £1 adults, children free.

Animal trust fundraiser

THE Jemima's Place animal trust, based in Porthcawl and Bridgend, is holding a fundraising event in Bridgend College's Sony Theatre on Saturday, July 27.

"Jemima's place is an animal trust that runs purely on donations, with no Government funding. We rescue, treat, care for and rehome unwanted, sick and injured wild animals and domestic animals, hopefully for adoption by loving families or to release the wild animals back into their natural habitat" explained Director and trustee Rob Clowes.

The event at Bridgend College will feature Abba tribute group Sensation, and X Factor's James Michael, along with other acts yet to be confirmed.

Tickets £5 can be bought via www.jemimas-place.com.

Trust patrons Dr Rhys Jones (of BBC's Rhys's Wildlife Patrol) and Ospreys' Rhys Webb will be attending the event.

1940s comes to life!

THIS year's Barry Wartime Weekend will feature 1940s entertainers.

Event organiser Ade Pitman said: "Throughout the Wartime Weekend, (Sat August 31st and Sunday, September 1st), we'll have live 40s music performed by some of the best period entertainers. Visitors will be encouraged to join in with a wartime sing-along, or to try out 40s-style dancing.

"We're also holdiing a 1940s party at the Barry Island Community Hall on Saturday August 31, where Paul and Natasha Harper will be performing their 'Live from the Savoy Ballroom' programme, which features hits from the late Thirties to the end of the Second World War.

"Former Barry Island Redcoat Sandy Sparkle will be supporting, who to my mind is one of the best Vera Lynn impersonators in the UK."

Contact Ade Pitman on 07930 874161, for

MESSY FUN!

On Monday, July 8, mums and their children met for another fun-filled session at Catch Up and Play, with lots of 'messy items' like jelly and shredded paper!

Boxing champion starts charity run

George Thomas Hospice Care has announced that Wales' world light heavyweight champion, Nathan Cleverly, will launch its annual family fun run, 3K4Kids on Sunday, July 14.

The WBO title holder will be in serious training for the sixth defence of his title at Cardiff's Motorpoint Arena on August 17, but will take time off to start the race and meet the families that take part.

3K4Kidz is a family affair, with grandfathers pushing pushchairs, mums and daughters holding hands, and fathers racing sons, as they complete two loops of Bute Park, in aid of George Thomas Hospice Care.

The event, sponsored by Western Power Distribution, starts at 10am, with registration from 8.30am.

"Everybody gets a goody bag and medal and those under 16 also get a T-shirt," a spokesperson said.

Entry is £5 and is free to those under five. Registration forms can be downloaded from www.gthc.org.uk or telephone GTHC on 029 2052 4150.

Opera Delights raises £3,500 for hospice...

A FUNDRAISING event recently raised £3,500 for George Thomas Hospice Care in the Vale.

The second Opera Delights performance was held at Cottrell Park Golf Club to boost the charity's work.

"The evening started with a sparkling reception while the 100 plus guests were serenaded by the wonderful sounds of harpist Ben Creighton-Griffiths," said manager Nicky Piper.

"Then, after a delicious two-course meal, guests were treated to light Opera and West End hits sung by international opera singers.

"Cottrell Park is a wonderful setting for such an occasion. Everybody had a fantastic time and are already asking about tickets for next year.

"A big thank you to the opera singers for giving their time with no charge and all who helped make the night so special."

New Zealand tenor, Shaun Dixon.

OCEAN LOUNGE
PORTHKERRY
WE ARE NOW OPEN:
THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS
ALL DAY & EVENING ON SUNDAYS
Every Thursday
QUIZ NIGHT
Burger and a Pint £5.95
DARTS TOURNAMENT
Every Sunday Night
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
plus Bingo
Every Friday KARAOKE
Saturday 13th July
TWO TONED
SKA BAND
Saturday 20th July
PENANG
FANTASTIC DUO
Saturday 27th July
The Ultimate
MEATLOAF TRIBUTE
with SEAN MALONEY
SOLD OUT
TRADITIONAL SUNDAY ROAST
only £7.95
CAR BOOT SALE
EVERY SUNDAY from 2pm
To find us - click directions@
www.firejoust.com
Tel. 01446 710362/711538

Victoria ~ Inn ~
SIGINGSTONE
Nr Cowbridge

Free House • Family Run • Extensive Menu
NEW TWO-COURSE SPECIALS £10.95
Served DAILY Lunchtimes and Evenings
FRIDAY NIGHT: STEAK NIGHT
only £10
SUNDAY LUNCH only £8.95
FOOD SERVED ALL DAY SUNDAY
12 noon - 8pm
01446 773943
www.victoriainnsigingstone.co.uk

Cresta Coaches
Day Trips for 2013

Date	Day	Destination	Adult Fare	OAP/Child
24/07/2013	Wednesday	Royal Welsh Show (Coach Only)	£12.00	£11.00
25/07/2013	Thursday	Cotswolds Villages - Day Trip	£11.95	£10.95
27/07/2013	Saturday	Weston Super Mare	£12.00	£11.00
03/08/2013	Saturday	Windsor	£14.00	£13.00
06/08/2013	Tuesday	Moreton in the Marsh 'Cotswolds'	£11.00	£10.00
11/08/2013	Sunday	Oakwood Park or Folly Farm (Coach Only)	£9.50	£8.50
13/08/2013	Tuesday	West Midlands Safari (Coach Only)	£14.50	£13.50
17/08/2013	Saturday	Wells & Burnham on Sea	£11.50	£10.95
25/08/2013	Sunday	Drayton Manor (Coach Only)	£15.00	£13.00
31/08/2013	Saturday	Tenby & Saundersfoot	£10.95	£10.00
11/09/2013	Wednesday	Carmarthen Market & Tenby	£ 9.50	£ 9.00
21/09/2013	Saturday	Bicester, Oxfordshire	£14.00	£13.00
12/10/2013	Saturday	Tewksbury & Ross on Wye 'Labels'	£11.50	£10.50
26/10/2013	Saturday	Stratford Upon Avon (Early Xmas Shopper)	£12.95	£11.95
23/11/2013	Saturday	Cheltenham Christmas Shopper	£11.50	£11.00
30/11/2013	Saturday	Worcester Victorian Christmas Fayre	£13.75	£13.00
TBA	Await Date	Caerphilly Medieval Xmas Fayre	TBA	TBA
08/12/2013	Sunday	Bath Christmas Market	£13.75	£12.75
22/12/2013	Sunday	London Xmas Shopping & Sights	£20.00	£19.00

Minimum passenger numbers are required, therefore early reservation is essential.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON OUR DAY TRIPS
OR THE HIRE OF COACHES & MINI-BUSES CALL
Cresta Coaches
Telephone 01656 - 660366
or call at Cresta Coaches,
Unit 6, Litchard Industrial Estate, Bridgend, CF31 2AL

1 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7AA

Sales: 01446 736888

Lettings: 01446 734668

www.homesonview.co.uk

www.ninaestateagents.co.uk

fish4homes Zoopla.co.uk rightmove

nina estate agents

website:
www.ninaestateagents.co.uk
email:
enquiries@ninaestateagents.co.uk

FindaProperty.com propertyfinder.com OFT NAEA

NEW

COLDBROOK ROAD, BARRY
Traditional bay fronted, detached, dorma bungalow. GF: Study, three bedrooms, bathroom, wc, lounge/diner, kitchen and conservatory. FF: Further bedroom. Off road parking. Enclosed rear garden. ER-E.
£164,950

NEW

CAMBRIDGE STREET, BARRY
Traditional semi three bedrooms, two reception rooms, open plan kitchen, conservatory, utility, wc. Sea views from front. Original block flooring and stained glass features. West End location. ER-D.
£189,950

NEW

ROBINS LANE, BARRY
Traditional terraced property. Two double bedrooms. Three receptions. First floor bathroom. Close to shops, schools, railway station. upvc DG and combi boiler. No chain. Ideal FTB or buy to let. Rent achievable £575 pcm. ER-D.
£99,950

NEW

BRYNTEG, BARRY ROAD, BARRY
Detached bungalow. Versatile living.Three bedrooms, living room, kitchen/diner, double glazed throughout. Gas central heating. Driveway/off road parking. ER - E.
£145,995

NEW

GWALCH Y PENWAIG, BARRY
Well presented. Modern detached. Three bedrooms, master ensuite, family bathroom, wc cloakroom, conservatory, level enclosed garden. Garage/driveway ER-D.
£169,950

NEW

GEORGES ROW, DINAS POWYS
End of terraced. Traditional. Living room. Ground floor bathroom, 15ft kitchen/breakfast. Three bedrooms. Approx 150ft rear garden. No chain. ER-D.
£159,950

NEW

PHYLLIS STREET, BARRY
Re-furbished, semi detachd. No chain. Sea views. Living room. 2013 fitted kitchen. Breakfast/utility room. Two double bedrooms. Re-wired. Mostly re-plastered. upvc DG. Gas CH. ER-D.
£114,950

NEW

GREENACRES, BARRY
Two bedroomed, modern end of link. Enclosed garden. Living/dining room. Conservatory. Designated parking. Fitted kitchen/integrated appliances. Ideal first time buy. ER-D.
£124,950

NEW PRICE

THISTLE CLOSE, BARRY
Two bedroomed, semi detached. Entrance hallway, living room, fitted kitchen/breakfast. Conservatory. Family bathroom. Low maintenance garden to the rear with patio. Side access. Open plan garden with driveway providing ample parking. Viewing highly recommended. ER-D.
£124,999

NEW PRICE

GLAN Y MOR, BARRY
Top floor (5th) apartment. Separate private balcony. Two bedrooms, master en-suite. Far reaching views over water. Lift. Designated parking place. Ample visitors parking. No chain. Viewing essential. ER-C.
£124,950

NEW PRICE

LYDSTEP ROAD, BARRY
Well presented. Three bedroms. Modern semi detached. Living room, kitchen/diner. Driveway/garage. Enclosed level garden. Viewing highly recommended. ER-D.
£119,950

NEW PRICE

SANDSTEPS, PARK ROAD, BARRY
Versatile four bedroom detached property. West End location. Four double bedrooms. Lounge with patio doors leading to balcony. Two shower rooms. Utility room. Double driveway and Garage. No chain. ER-C.
£239,950

PORT ROAD EAST, BARRY
Stunning views over Vale. Dorma detached bungalow. GF: Living, dining room, bathroom and bedroom. FF: Two bedrooms, ensuite and dressing room. Garage/parking. ER-C.
£329,950

NEW PRICE

CLAUDE ROAD, BARRY
Corner positioned, semi detached. In need of some modernising. Living room, three bedrooms, garage/driveway. Front, side and rear gardens. no chain. ER-D.
£119,950

NEW PRICE

COLLARD CRESCENT, BARRY
Three bedrooms, semi detached. Living room, dining room, wc cloakroom. Driveway/garage. upvc DG. Gas CH via combi. Ideal family home. ER-D.
£139,950

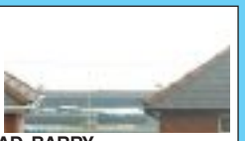
NEW PRICE

ST NICHOLAS ROAD, BARRY
Victorian semi, Ideal family home. 2 reception rooms. Modern fitted kitchen. Three storey. 4 bedrooms on 1st floor. 3 bedrooms on 2nd floor. Rear garden, lane access. Driveway providing parking. ER-F.
£225,000

NEW PRICE

CORNWALL ROAD, BARRY
Three bedrooms. Semi detached. Living room, dining room, sun lounge, fitted kitchen. Utility area. Situated off Barry Road. Low maintenance rear garden. ER-D.
£129,950

NEW PRICE



JENNER ROAD, BARRY
Show home presented. Two bedroomed stunning apartment. Living room, kitchen opening to breakfast room, shower room. View over Bristol Channel. Driveway/parking. ER - C.
£104,950

CHANNEL CLOSE, RHOOSE
Modern detached. Living room, dining room, sitting room, fitted kitchen, shower room, wc. Three bedrooms, family bathroom. Garage/enclosed garden. ER-E.
£160,000

AEL Y COED, BARRY
Four bedrooms, modern detached. Living/dining room. Sitting room (converted garage). Master ensuite. Utility room, wc, cloak, driveway/ enclosed garden. No chain. ER-D.
£199,950

SHELLEY CRESCENT, BARRY
Three bedroomed, semi detached. Living room, enclosed rear garden. No chain. upvc DG. Gas CH. Ideal first time buy. ER-D.
£87,000

CHURCHFIELDS, BARRY
Modern semi detached. Kitchen to front. wc cloakroom. Living room. Two double bedrooms. Designated parking. Enclosed level garden. No chain. Cul de sac position. ER-D.
£124,950

WENVOE TERRACE, BARRY
Three bdroomed. Mid terraced traditional. Through living room. Dining room. wc cloakroom. Sea views from front. Walking distance to train station. ER-D.
£149,950

ROMILLY PARK ROAD, BARRY
Option of stamp duty paid by seller. Edwardian semi. 4 rec rooms, 3-storey. 5 bedrooms. Sea views. Utility, pantry, cloakroom to GF. Family bathroom to FF. Double garage.ER-E.
£369,950

GELYN Y CLER, BARRY
Modern detached. Four bedroomed. Built-in wardrobes. Living room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast, conservatory. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway/ garage. Well presented. ER-D.
£219,950

CANON STREET, BARRY
Mid terraced, traditional dwelling. Minutes walk to beaches/parks. Through living room, kitchen/diner. Three bedrooms. 1st floor bathroom. No chain. Viewing recommended. ER-D.
£157,500

LEE ROAD, BARRY
Well presented throughout. Mid terraced traditional. Two bedroomed. Through living/dining room. Modern fitted kitchen. 1st floor bathroom. Courtyard. Enclosed garden. upvc DG. Gas CH via combi. ER-D.
£94,950

BARRY ROAD, BARRY
Renovated/refurbished. Two bedroomed first floor apartment. Living room/fitted kitchen. Family bathroom. No chain. An ideal buy to let.
£74,950

SEALAWNS, BARRY
Far reaching sea views. Well presented. 2nd floor apartment. Living room, two bedrooms, kitchen, shower room, garage/parking. Viewing recommended. ER-E.
£124,950

OLD VILLAGE ROAD, BARRY
Traditional detached. Spacious living. 22ft kitchen/breakfast. Sea views from rear. Enclosed rear garden. Minutes walk to Romilly park. Four bedrooms. Well presented. ER-F.
£279,950

MARINE DRIVE, BARRY
Detached dwelling. Sea views. Study, living/dining room, kitchen, breakfast room, wc cloakroom, shower room/wc. Four bedrooms (master ensuite). Balcony. Approved full planning for extension. ER-E.
£459,950

GLAN Y DWR, BARRY
Well presented. Two double bedrooms. Master ensuite and spacious family bathroom. 15ft family bathroom. Ground floor. Designated parking. Security entry and alarm system. ER-C.
£117,500

SEAPOINT, BARRY
Two bedroomed. Well presnted. Far reaching sea views. Lower ground floor apartment. Fitted kitchen. Replacement shower room. Communal gardens. upvc DG. Communal parking. ER-D.
£127,500

WEST WALK, BARRY
Spacious plot. Ideal for extending (subject to planning). Three bedrooms. Hobby area in attic. Living room. Ground floor bathroom. Semi detached. Driveway/garage. No chain. Enclosed level garden. ER-D.
£99,950

BRYNHILL CLOSE, BARRY
Extended mid terraced. Living room, dining room, open plam kitchen/breakfast. Views over golf course/Vale. Three bedrooms. Garage/parking. Cul de sac position. Well presented. ER-C.
£164,950

NEW PRICE

MOUNTBATTEN ROAD, BARRY
Modern mid terraced. Living/dining room. wc cloakroom. Fitted kitchen. Two designated parking spaces. Enclosed rear garden. upvc DG. Gas CH via combi. ER-C.
£114,950

PUBLIC NOTICE

96 WOODLANDS ROAD, BARRY, VALE OF GLAMORGAN. CF62 8EE

We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of **£113,000**

Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.

ER-E.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00PM 17 July 2013

Vale of Glamorgan Council · Rehfed Housing Association · Newydd Housing Association · Linked Alarm · Wales and West Housing Association

homes4u HOTLINE 01446 709840

To apply call the hotline, e-mail us at
HOMES4U@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
or apply in writing to:
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Visible Services and Housing
Civic Offices Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU or
Newydd Housing Association
121 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7AL

BUTTRILLS WALK, BARRY

H4U reference 202945
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

Rent £101.80 per week including water rates

CARNE COURT, LLANTWIT MAJOR

H4U reference 233671
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

Rent £100.84 per week including water rates

CAWLEY PLACE, BARRY

H4U reference 204319
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Two-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

Rent £84.93 per week including water rates

CRAWSHAY COURT, LLANTWIT MJR

H4U reference 234156
Suitable for a single person over 60 – no pets
- One-bed first floor flat
- Double glazing (lift)
- Central heating
- Warden and alarm

Not suitable for wheelchair users

Rent £110.32 per week inc warden, alarm and water charges

DOWNS VIEW, ABERTHIN

H4U reference 251726
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Two-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Double glazing
- Central heating

Rent £84.93 per week including water charges

DYLAN CRESCENT, BARRY

H4U reference 208339
Suit. for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement – no pets
- Two-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Double glazing
- Central heating

Rent £99.09 per week including water charges

FAIROAKS, DINAS POWYS (2)

H4U reference 231192
Suit for a single person or couple over 60 – no pets
- One-bedroom flats (2)
- First floor
- Double glazing
- Central heating
- Warden and alarm

Rent £105.23 per week including water, warden and alarm charges

GWYN JAMES COURT, PENARTH

H4U Reference 988824
Suitable for a single person over 55– no pets
- Studio apartment
- First floor (no lift)
- Double-glazing
- Gardens/parking
- Scheme co-ordinator

Rent £103.94 per week including heating, water and service charges

HEOL Y LLONGAU, BARRY

H4U Reference 1105153
Preference given to applicants with a proven tenancy history/ downsizing.
One-bed first floor flat
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Parking

Interviews will be carried out

Rent £74.82 per week including service charges

LANGLANDS ROAD, BARRY

H4U reference 214481
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

Rent £100.81 per week including water rates

LONGMEADOW CT, COWBRIDGE (2)

H4U reference 230198
Suit for a single person or couple over 60 – no pets
- One-bedroom flats (2)
- Ground and first floors
- Double glazing
- Central heating
- Lift
- Warden and alarm

Rent £100.81 per week including water rates

MEIRION CLOSE, BARRY

H4U reference 216001
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Two-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

Rent £92.61 per week including water rates

MERIONETH HOUSE, PENARTH

H4U reference 1105073
Suitable for a single person or couple
- One-bedroom flat
- Central heating
- Double glazing

Rent £73.23 per week

MICHAELSTON CLOSE, BARRY

H4U reference 216609
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bed bungalow
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

Rent £84.60 per week including water charges

PLASSEY HOUSE, PENARTH

H4U reference 241343
Suitable for a single person over 55 – no pets
- Studio apartment
- Double glazing
- Central heating
- Community alarm

Rent £86.29 per week including alarm and water charges

SEVERN AVENUE, BARRY

H4U reference 222610
Suitable for a single person over 55 – no pets
- One-bed first floor flat
- Double glazing
- Central heating
- Community alarm

Rent £89.43 per week including alarm and water charges

ST CATHERINES COURT, BARRY

H4U reference 224539
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

Rent £98.36 per week including water charges

ST PAULS AVENUE, PENARTH

H4U reference 245832
Suit for a family meeting the max occupancy requirement – no pets
- Two-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Double glazing
- Central heating
- Communal gardens

Rent £85.69 per week including water charges

STRATFORD GREEN, BARRY

H4U reference 225569
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

Rent £99.55 per week including water charges

TREHARNE ROAD,BARRY

H4U reference 226460
Suit. for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement – no pets
- Two-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Double glazing
- Central heating

Rent £84.96 per week including water rates

VACHELL CT, LLANTWIT MAJOR

H4U reference 238697
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

Rent £100.84 per week including water charges

You must be a HOMES4U member to apply for any of these homes.
When bidding for more than one property you will be asked to state your order of preference.
All descriptions and other details are given in good faith and are believed to be correct but any potential tenant should satisfy themselves as to their correctness. Newydd is a charitable housing association.

WEST WALK, BARRY

H4U reference 227828
Suit. for a single person or couple over 55– no pets
- One-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Double glazing
- Central heating

Rent £84.96 per week including water rates

YOULDON HOUSE, DINAS POWYS

H4U reference 232378
Suitable for a single person over 60 – no pets
- Two-bed first floor flat
- Double glazing
- Central heating
- Warden and alarm

Rent £84.93 per week including water rates

Are you a council tenant who has been affected by the bedroom tax?

Would you like to discuss the options available to you?
If so, call our **Money Advice Line** on
01446 709312 for constructive, impartial advice.
This number is not a bidding line for properties in this advert.

HomeSwapper · Cardiff & Vale · newydd · Wales & West

SCHOOL FATHER'S DAY EVENT RAISES £1,000

PHOTOGRAPHS by LAUREN YEOMAN

Y BONT FAEN primary school was blessed with good weather (eventually) on Saturday, June 15, for its annual Father's Day Duck Race and Fayre.

This was after the spider dome had to be abandoned because of the wind and it nearly turned into a kite!

As usual the duck race followers awaited the annual launch of the ducks from the Filco bridge in anticipation that they might win the duck race this year.

They eagerly followed the voyage of the ducks along the river Thaw until the three winning ducks passed the finish line! There was actually a blue duck winner this year!

Thanks to all those fathers who actually went into the cold water to help the ducks along their way to the finish line!

The winning duck belonged to James Moran who won a case of beer and a goody bag sponsored by Daisy and Jacks for himself.

The second prize was won by Mrs Freeman whose prize was sponsored by Costa Coffee.

Everyone then came up to the school for another new event – a barbecue and a live band – The Boy That Gets The Girl. Everyone loved the band even though we did suffer the power cut that terrorised Cowbridge on Saturday afternoon!

We had an abundance of Krispy crème doughnuts, cakes and cookies which all went down a treat – especially with the beautifully face-painted fairies created with the special love and care of our resident face painter Mrs Amy Dowling.

The raffle was won by Francesca Maloney who received a lovely hamper sponsored by Waitrose in Cowbridge, with second and third prizes sponsored by Spar Cowbridge and Tesco Cowbridge going to Toby Usher.

Thanks also to Sylvia Williams, Goose Island, and Bijou who sponsored the other prizes.

Everyone had a wonderful time thanks to the cooking of resident chefs Dean and Richard, and it was sadly time to say goodbye to Hazel Gambling our long-standing events co-ordinator, who was presented with John Lewis Vouchers for all her hard work with the PTA over the last 10 years or more!

Not quite sure how we will manage the Christmas fayre now without her!

Thank you to everyone who supported us as we raised £1,000 towards the school funds – so watch out for the new playground equipment everyone!

Jayne Morris

Posh frocks were order of the day!

SIXTEEN ladies from Ystradowen WI recently attended a garden party in Margam Park – to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Women's Institute in Wales.

It was a glorious summer day and when we arrived, the lawns around the Orangery were covered by members who had set up tables and chairs with delicious refreshments.

Some even boasted candelabra! In double quick time, our table was set up and it was surprising to see what an amazing variety of goodies our cool-bags held!

Posh frocks were the order of the day and around 600 members from the Glamorgan Federation did the function proud. There were dresses of every hue and design, many complemented by a matching hat.

One of our members will celebrate her diamond wedding anniversary later this year, so a toast was proposed to her and her husband.

The monthly meeting took place on July 3, when vice president Corinna Turner introduced the speaker, Pamela Robson, who is well known to us all.

Her 'speech' was entitled Monologues and Memories, and she proved to be a gifted actress and singer, beginning with a monologue written by an ancestor of the Queen.

Pamela proved to have a talent to mimic famous voices – Noel Coward, Flanders and Swann, Joyce Grenfell, Stanley Holloway. and many others. She concluded with songs by Gracie Fields and was thanked by Anita Jones.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and it was agreed to resume the monthly coffee meetings in September in the vestry on the third Wednesday of each month. The monthly *Knit and Natter* will also resume in September.

The annual council meeting will take place on November 4 and Bridge will be held on Saturday November 23 in Ystradowen Village Hall.

It was very appropriate that the raffle was won by Margaret Skinner. We are all very sad that Margaret and Richard are moving to Wiltshire in August. Margaret has been a very supportive and loyal member of Ystradowen WI for many years.

There will be an outing to Soudley Castle on August 14 and the coach will leave Ystradowen at 8.45am. Members are asked to meet up by 8.30am.

EM

Pupils' success is highlighted at Eco-Schools conference

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School pupils attended a Wales-wide conference for secondary schools, held in Cardiff Bay, to bring together Eco-Committee members to investigate ways of safeguarding our planet for the future.

At the conference, Cowbridge pupils were praised for producing the *'Don't be a Waster, be a Saver!'* video which was shown to delegates as an example of excellent practice – a project that has brought the school together under one common goal in a fun way.

Unbelievably, the video for *'Don't be a Waster, be a Saver!'* has attracted almost 4,000 views on YouTube in a little more than a fortnight.

It has also attracted a lot of attention on Twitter, with re-tweets from important environmental organisations such as Eco-Schools Wales, Cynnal Cymru, Climate Change Commission for Wales and Size of Wales.

Also pupils and Cowbridge-based organisations such as The GEM and HubCowbridge have been tweeting, as well as Eco-Schools Netherlands which tweeted in Dutch about the video!

The aim is to spread the important messages included in the video and to reach 10,000 views – please support us by encouraging as many people as possible to watch the video on YouTube and give us the thumbs up! Just go to '*Don't be a Waster, be a Saver!'*

At the Eco-Schools Wales conference, 10 pupils from years 8, 9 and 11 at Cowbridge Comprehensive joined the other delegates to take part in workshops about water, energy, transport, school grounds and global citizenship.

They also had the opportunity to meet with pupils from schools across Wales and share ideas.

Many speakers and organisations took part in the conference including Peter Davies, the Commissioner for Sustainable Futures, who spoke about the importance of making sure young people's voices are heard and the important role Eco-Schools Wales plays in facilitating this. **LE**

New clergy from diverse backgrounds

Rachel Simpson.

Craig Vaughan.

A FORMER car sprayer has been ordained as a priest.

Craig Vaughan was one of three deacons ordained as a priest at Llandaff Cathedral on Saturday (June 29) by the Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan and the Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, Bishop David Wilbourne.

Craig, who has served as assistant curate in the parish of Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, for the last year will continue in the same parish.

Before training for the ministry, Craig, 43, who is married with three children, worked as a car sprayer in garages in Bridgend.

"I have really enjoyed the last year, it's been fantastic with the biggest bonus being reconnecting with the three schools in the area," said Craig.

Rachel Simpson, 24, who featured in Vicar Academy, the BBC Wales documentary broadcast last autumn on trainee vicars at St Michael's College, Cardiff, comes from a family of clergy, with both parents vicars who served in England.

"Despite growing up with two parents as vicars, it was only when I was in my late teens and getting involved in youth work in the parish that I realised that it was something that I might want to do as well," said Rachel.

"I am really looking forward to getting involved in different activities within the parish," said Rachel, who will serve as assistant curate in the parish of Llantwit Major.

Choir set for annual concert

COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir is holding its annual concert at Cowbridge Leisure Centre, on Saturday, July 27, at 7pm.

Musical Director – Shelley Thomas-Brown has arranged a repertoire that covers most aspects of choral music – including traditional Welsh hymns and folk songs, songs from the shows, popular modern pieces and others.

The choir completed a very successful tour of northern Cyprus at Easter, and continued its concert season by performing on the Glanfa stage in Cardiff Millennium Centre and at Clanfield Church, in Oxfordshire.

Ray Pritchard

Reflections on a pensions pioneer

ON a recent damp and dismal July evening, Llanharry WI heard a talk on Port Sunlight Village.

Our speaker, Mrs Pamela Robson, bought a house and lived there for a number of years and thought highly of the founder of this little empire.

His name was William Hesketh Lever, later Lord Lever, and he and his brother opened a factory in 1888 selling the famous Sunlight Soap which we all know.

His site was just outside the Wirral and he wanted his employees to have decent housing and pleasant surroundings.

The village he built was to strict requirements, the roads being 12ft wide, the pavements 3ft and tree lined.

The houses were of good Welsh brick and of many and varied designs.

They had parks, gardens, a pub, an emporium and an art gallery. William Lever was in fact a great collector of art, and it took 46 days of auctions to sell his collection after his death.

He first mooted the idea of pensions for workers after retirement, later carried forward by Lloyd George.

He was a gentleman ahead of his time!

August brings our summer trip to Swansea, to the 1946 Exhibition Museum for 'Step Back in Time', with a boat trip in the afternoon.

The next meeting is on September 3, and everybody is welcome.

TF

NEWS IN BRIEF

Village show

LLANCARFAN Village Show is to be held in the community centre and St Cadoc's Church on Saturday, July 13 at 1.45pm.

Teas will be served in the community hall. Everyone welcome.

Gileston cream tea

GILESTON Church is holding a cream tea on Gileston Manor lawn on Sunday, July 14, 2pm-4pm.

Tickets are £5, with stalls and raffle. Proceeds in aid of church funds.

Cwrt Syr Dafydd, Llantwit Major
3 Bedrooms
Family Kitchen/Diner
Detached Garage
£209,950 D68

Millfield Drive, Cowbridge
3 Bedrooms
New Bathroom (2012)
Sought After Location
£220,000 D65

Pantycelyn Place, St Athan
3 Bedrooms
Rear Dorma Conversion
Southerly Garden
£145,000 TBC

Chris Davies

Rhoose 01446 711900
Llantwit Major 01446 792020
Barry 01446 700007
sales@chris-davies.co.uk

Heol-Y-Coed, Llantwit Major
3 Bedrooms
Sought After Location
Call Today To View
£210,000 D63

Lime Grove, St Athan
3 Bedrooms
Conservatory
Allocated Parking
£105,950 D64

Byron Court, Llantwit Major
2 Bedrooms
First Floor Retirement Flat
Scheme Manager
£89,950 C78

Livingstone Way, St Athan
3 Bedrooms
Garage
Requires Updating
£83,950 D55

Glebeland Place, St Athan
3 Bedrooms
Family Home
Good Location
£134,999 D63

Illtyd Avenue, Llantwit Major
3 Bedrooms
Conservatory
Southerly Rear Garden
£159,950 C72

Harding Close, Boverton, Llantwit Major
3/4 Bedrooms
Lounge/Diner, Conservatory
£169,950 D65

Tresilian Close, Llantwit Major
3 Bedrooms
Extended
Open Green Fields
£169,950 C73

Rectory Drive, St Athan
3 Bedrooms
Corner Plot
Adjacent Views of Fields
£205,000 D67

St Michaels Close, St Athan
4 Bedrooms
Updated And Modernised
View From The Verandah
£195,000 E50

Barons Close, Llantwit Major
3 Bed Semi-Det
Superb Town Location
Generous Plot
£169,950 E47

Hayes Cottage, Methodist Lane, Llantwit Major
2 Bedrooms, West End Location
Off Road Parking
£219,950 E40

Lets!

Starling Road, St Athan
D63 - £475 pcm
Two Bedrooms with Garden

Chestnut Avenue, St Athan
E49 - £525 pcm
Two Bedrooms End Link

Mallory Close, St Athan
D58 - £495 pcm
Three Bedroom, Kitchen/diner, Enclosed Rear Garden

Murlande Way, St Rhoose
D62 - £550 pcm
Semi Detached, Two Bedroom

Evans Street, Barry
D63 - £550 pcm
Two Bedrooms, First Floor Bathroom, Enclosed Rear Garden

Spring Street, Barry
E42 - £550 pcm
Two Bedroom, Lounge, Dining room, Enclosed Garden

Howard Court, Barry
D63 - £550 pcm
First Floor Flat, Two Bedrooms

Glebeland Place, St Athan, Barry
D63 - £650 pcm
Three Bedroom, Two Reception Rooms, Garden

Vale Street, Barry
D66 - £650 pcm
Three Bedroom, Fully Refurbished

Cwrt y Cadno, Llantwit Major
C70 - £700 pcm
Three Bedroom, Semi Detached
Ensuite and Conservatory

Call Claire today to book a free rental valuation
01446 791966
lettings@chris-davies.co.uk

ATTENTION LANDLORDS
Properties required urgently in the following areas: Cwrt Syr Dafydd, Heol Y Fro and Four Acre for fully referenced tenants.

Quality Tenants with full reference or with guarantor, waiting for unfurnished 2 and 3 bedroom houses in Llantwit Major and St Athan.

Instruct an ARLA qualified letting agent to manage your property.

Call Claire Edwards
MARLA Lettings Manager
01446 791966

Roda, Costa Calida

3 Bed 2 Bath Duplex.

Garden, Balcony, Private Solarium
with views to the Mar Menor.
5 mins to beach.
Airport - 10 minutes.
£101,950

chris-davies.co.uk

DON'T DO IT YOURSELF

Call a professional From our A-Z list

Aerials & Satellite

ONE VISION
DIGITAL AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS
SONOS WiFi Wireless Sound Systems Supplied and Installed
Free Sky TV Dish & Sky Box Installation
Ring for Latest Subscription Package Deals
£60 CASH BACK for any New Sky Customer Taking a Subscription Package
SKY Repairs, adjustments and installations.
✓ Domestic & Commercial
✓ Discounts For Oaps
✓ 24 Hour 7 Days Service
✓ 12 Month Guarantee
✓ TOI Approved Installers
FREE ESTIMATES
SAME DAY SERVICE
Digital TV Aerials Supplied & Installed at competitive prices
CAT V extensions for Broadband and Smart TV
Get HD Picture Quality into every room via CAT V
Is Your Aerial Installer...?
Confederation of Aerial Installers
Certified? Police Checked?
Using Industry Benchmark Aerials, Cables and Accessories?
ONE VISION ARE!
Wall Mounted TV Installation Specialists
visit our website for examples
Call Paul Williams
Cowbridge 01446 439 306 Bridgend 01656 349 281
www.onevisionltd.co.uk

VALE DIGITAL
DIGITAL AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES
SPECIAL OFFER!!!!
DIGITAL AERIAL COMPLETE INSTALLATION FROM £60
EXTRA ROOMS £20 EACH
TV WALL MOUNTING & TV SET UP & TUNE IN SERVICE
ALL TYPES OF AERIAL & SATELLITES REPAIRED OR REPLACED
Tel. TIM on 07980 702229 / 01446 793189 ANYTIME
COMPETITIVE PRICES - FREE ESTIMATES - OAP DISCOUNTS - 7 DAY SERVICE
COVERING ALL AREAS

THE AERIAL MAN (Barry)
TV Aerial and Satellite Specialists
Poor Reception Problems
OAP Discount
Additional TV Points
Digital Aerial Installation
Freesat Installations
Free Home Visits
www.dangroseaerials.co.uk
Call today for your FREE quotation
LOCAL FRIENDLY PERSONAL SERVICE • ALL AREAS COVERED
01446 439 125 or 07818 413 451

1st Digital Aerials
SPECIAL OFFER - £60 Complete Installation plus £20 per extra room
Local Digital Aerial Specialist
Digital Aerials Installed & Repaired.
Set Up and Tune In Service.
Problems with:
• Missing Channels • Freezing • Breaking Up
Call Adrian on 07999 331 160 or Barry 01446 743267

Building Services

ACORN
Building & Property Services
From easing a door or laying your patio to building a new extension.
Qualifed tradesman with 35 years experience.
Tel. John 07527 835650

BARRY & VALE DAMP & TIMBER TREATMENT
SOLVING ALL YOUR DAMP PROBLEMS
01446 420784
07970 642537
www.barryandvaledampproofing.co.uk

R.J.T
PLASTERING & GENERAL BUILDER
Flat/Fibre Glass, Roofs, Damp Proofing, Refurbishments.
Best Prices. Free estimates.
01446 450088 or 07920 195775

Robin Jones Builder
30 years Experience
All building repairs & maintenance undertaken:
• Decking • Fencing
Bathrooms & Kitchens
• Roofing & Plastering etc.
01446 402830

Building Services

Glamorgan Property Maintenance
General Property Maintenance & Building Work
"We do it all"
01446 711023 or 07950 004049
info@gpmaintenance.co.uk

MASONWISE BUILDERS
☎ 01446 742928
Established since 1979
• Extensions
• Disabled Grant Work
• Roofing & Repairs
• Conservatories
• Patio & Drives
No Job Too Small
Free Estimates
masonwise.builders@hotmail.com
44 Newlands Street, Barry

Carpentry Services

R GRIFFITHS CARPENTRY
City & Guilds Qualified
All aspects of carpentry work
Professional, Friendly, Caring Service
Weekend Calls Welcome
• Kitchen Refurbishments • Fencing • Flooring
• Bespoke Wardrobes • Decking • Doors
Contact Rhys on 01446 790384 / 07803 696451
www.rgriffithscarpentryservices.com

Carpet Services

STEVE SEGUST FLOORING
Carpet Fitting, Refitting & Repair Service Available
~ Est 1987 ~
Choose from the comfort of your own home.
Free quotations, fitting, underlay and gripper.
All types of flooring available with a huge range of samples to choose from.
Best prices around.
Call any time...
01656 768120 or 07774 807111

VALE CARPETS
The Carpet Shop that comes to you
100's of Carpet & Vinyl samples
Established since 1980
Also Carpet, Upholstery Cleaning
Tel: Paul Wright
01446 751152
07811 092477

Blinds & Curtains

SALE NOW ON
3 for 2
Buy 3 blinds for the price of 2
This fantastic offer is for a limited time only, call us today
Probably Wales' Number 1 for:
• Blinds
• Shutters
• Awnings
• Canopies
solar blinds
SOLAR
North Road, Bridgend
Industrial Estate, Bridgend CF31 3TP
Tel: 01656 663800
DAYTONA
Unit 3F, Palmersvale Business Centre, Palmerston Road, Barry
Tel: 01446 740842
www.solarsunshades.co.uk

Aerial & TV Repairs

TELE-ELECTRICAL SERVICING
Specialist repairs in TV, Video, DVD & Audio.
Installations, tuning and set-up service.
Tel: (01656) 654156 or 07792 887835

BLIND SALE!
STARLINE
Awnings & Blinds
Unit 3 & 4, Western Industrial Estate, Caerphilly CF83 1BQ • www.starline-blinds.co.uk
TEL (029) 2086 0631
GENUINE 15% OFF SALE

Cleaning Services

CCMS (Wales) Ltd
GUTTER CLEANING & FASCIA WASH
01446 741460
07830 480569

3 GOOD REASONS
1 FREE Fitting
2 FREE Quotation
3 5 Year Guarantee
BLINDS & CURTAINS
3 Vertical Blinds from £99
Freephone: 0500 295192
Made in Wales.....Proud to be Welsh
Mirage Blinds
One offer per Household - Selected Ranges
Maximum 60"x60"

Computer Services

HD Computer Solutions
• All problems fixed
• Fast, reliable, on-site service
• Friendly advice freely given
• No fix, no fee
• Free callout
Tel 01446 773158
07779 713604 anytime

AB COMPUTER SERVICES
TUITION - BROADBAND
WIRELESS NETWORKS
REPAIRS & INSTALLATION
For home or office
Tel: 07811 422 946
27 High St, Cowbridge
www.cowbridge-it.co.uk

Double Glazing

WINDOW AND DOOR REPAIR SERVICE
OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN ALL ASPECTS OF uPVC AND ALUMINIUM WINDOW AND DOOR REPAIR
Do you have any of the following problems...?
Misted-up Double Glazing • Broken Hinges
Seized Patio Door Rollers • Faulty door Locks
Seized Handles • Draughts • Broken Letter Box • Leaks, etc
If so phone for a free estimate and advice
FREEPHONE COWBRIDGE 0800 169 5171
We offer a competitive and friendly service to the Vale and surrounding area
TRY US FOR NEW UPVC WINDOWS AND DOORS
8 am - 8 pm (7 days)
Window Tec UK
• Window and Door Repair •

MORE DOUBLE GLAZING SERVICES ON NEXT PAGE

Double Glazing

All Double Glazing Repairs & Maintenance
puc-V, Aluminium & Timber Windows
- Misted Units inc. Bevels & Stains
- Broken Handles/Hinges
- Door Locks Repaired & Upgraded
- Replacement Door Panels
- New Rubber Seals
- Fully Qualified Locksmith

Bridgend Windows Maintenance
PROFESSIONAL ADVICE AND INSURANCE QUOTATIONS
01656 788403
Mobile: 07515 860113
33 Philadelphia Road, Porthcawl CF36 3DP
www.bridgendwindows.com

STEVE MOLONEY
Double glazing repairs. Hinges, handles, misted up sealed units, complete repair service available.
Established 1979.
01656 783594 or 07877 558525

WELSH WINDOW SYSTEMS
Est. 1987
Repairs to all UPVC & aluminium windows & doors
01446 749821
07877 836798

Disposal Services

FLOYDS ENVIRONMENTAL
* Septic Tank *
* Cesspit Emptying *
* Treatment Plants *
Floyds is a well established service
07970 809096
01656 722665
floyds@homecall.co.uk

Garage Door Services

GARAGE DOOR SERVICES
The garage door specialists
All types of doors supplied, fitted & repaired
Over 15 years experience.
Same day repairs.
07783 703366
01446 743181
www.gdsdoors.co.uk

Decorating Services

Bryan Hicks
Painting & Decorating Specialist
Est 1981
Interior - Exterior
01446 776203
07544 169855

STADRE
DECORATING & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
- Painting & Decorating
- Kitchen/Bathroom Installations
- Electric
- Plumbing
- Handyman Services

07791 752532

Reliable Painter & Decorator
Quality work - high standards. Free quotes.
25% DISCOUNT if you book before end of July.
01446 733024 or 07811 559745

The GEM
01446 774484

Electrical Services

Cowbridge & Vale Electrical
R.J.B.
All electrical installation works carried out.
Emergency call-out, re-wires, sockets, lights, Security.
01446 771655
07885 347642
National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting
Approved Contractor

REPAIRS
Washing Machines Electric Cookers, Tumble Driers, etc
Repaired in your own home
Freephone 0800 2984518
Barry 744117

Electrical Services

Tel: 01656 858997
Mob: 07970 764590
Domestic Installer
Davem ELECTRICIAN
All electrical work undertaken
Testing & Inspection

Dave Reffell
Electrical Services
Approved Contractor
Domestic Installer Scheme
Free Quotations
01446 751743
07743 500149
dmreffell@hotmail.co.uk

ELECTRICAL REPAIRS
Washing Machines, Cookers, Fridge/Freezers, Tumble Dryers, Ovens, Hobs, Hoods. Built-in or Freestanding Appliances.
APPLIANCE CENTRE
01446 700206/730884

LK Electrical
All types of Electrical work undertaken.
Testing, Inspection & Certification
ELECSA
07891 965150
01446 403072

Lilford Electrical
Design, installation and testing for homes and businesses
ELECSA Part P Approved Contractor www.elecsa.co.uk
Contact Rob:
01446 796905
07747 858514
rclilford@gmail.com
Fast • Polite • Professional

Garden Services

AB GARDEN MAINTENANCE
NEED A GARDENER?
for Garden Maintenance
call Lloyd on 07773 684575
or for Tree Services, call
Adam on 07528 789488

BRIDGE VALE TREE SERVICES
Specialists in Large/Dangerous Trees
FELLING, PRUNING, CROWN REDUCTION, THINNING OUT AND TOTAL DISMANTLING
HEDGE CUTTING & FENCING AVAILABLE
HIGHLY QUALIFIED/INSURED
SITE CLEARANCE
- FREE QUOTES -
Tel: 01446 713857
or 07921 902729

NDP GARDEN and PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
Grass Cutting, Weeding
Shrubs & Hedges Trimmed,
Tree Felling,
Fencing, Turfing.
Gutters & Fascias Cleaned
Drives, Patios, Roofs, etc.
Power Washed.
• Free Estimates
• Reliable Family Team
01446 773935
or 07773 992704

Garden & Landscaping Services
Award Winning Landscapers & Driveway Installers
• Patios • Decking • Fencing •
• Block Paved & Resinbond Driveways •
• Walling • Water Features/Ponds • Turfing •
www.gardenandlandscapeservices.co.uk
Nick: 07790 166480 or 01446 710736
info@gardenandlandscapeservices.co.uk

Garden Services

Arborwood Tree Care
Tree pruning • Crown lifting
Tree felling • Dangerous tree work
Pollarding • Dead wooding • Hedge cutting
Tree dismantling • Root pruning
Ground clearance
Call us for a friendly, free quote. Fully insured.
Tel: 07910 417471 or 01446 792262

Complete Garden Services
FENCING • DECKING • TREES FELLED, HEDGES AND LAWNS • WALLS, PATHS AND PATIOS
Telephone: 01446 419428
or 07765 611753

Stables • Field Shelters • Kennels
Home Offices • Log Cabins
Ashdown
Timber Framing • Potting Sheds
Garages • Show Jumps • Hay Stores
Tel: 01446 772800 *or* Mob: 07815 304 156
www.ashdown-group.com • e-mail: info@ashdown-group.com

RIVERLEH Horticulture
CHAINSAWS
SALES - SERVICE - REPAIRS - SPARES
WINTER SERVICE DEALS NOW AVAILABLE
Most makes serviced and repaired
Collection service available
BRUSH CUTTERS
MOWERS
LAWN MOWERS - RIDE-ONS - CHAINSAWS - STRIMMERS
HEDGECUTTERS AND GARDEN ACCESSORIES
VIKING STIHL
Vale Business Park, Llandow, Cowbridge CF71 7PF
Tel: 01446 775602
HEDGECUTTERS

The Green Factor Ltd
Free estimates, fully insured.
• Landscaping • Fencing
• Decking • Hedge Cutting
• Garden Clearance
• Patios and Paving
Call Paul on 01446 736525 or 07815 319427
WE ARE QUALIFIED, RELIABLE AND LOCAL!

W&J Lewis GARDEN SERVICES
For all types of garden work.
07830 228877
01446 406457

Home & Garden Care
Barry & The Vale
Handyman Service
All garden maintenance:
Grass Cutting.
Fencing Repairs.
Jet /Pressure Wash Service.
No job too small, free quotes, friendly advice. Great Prices
Andy Betts
Tel 07980 063087
01446 420059

Gas Bottles

R&T
WE SELL BOTTLED GAS
Free Local Delivery and Collection
Tel. 01446 771999
Unit 20, Vale Business Park, Llandow
www.randt.co.uk

Plumbing Services

JOHN SARTAIN
Plumbing & Tiling
01446 794266

Gas Services

35 years established company
C.S.Boxall Ltd.
INSTALLATION, SERVICE & BREAKDOWNS
for all Gas, Oil, Solid Fuel, LPG
Static Homes, Caravans, Etc
Gas, Landlord Safety Checks
7 year warranty on Worcester Boilers
plus Electrical Services
by fully qualified indentured Service Engineers
198501
Call 01446 772444

Handyman Services

K&A Handyman
"A family run business"
All aspects of general maintenance, carpentry, painting, decorating, carpet cleaning, gardening, garden & household rubbish clearance.
No task to big or small, just ask!
Contact: 07970 711879 or 01446 720840

Plastering Services

Cowbridge & Vale PLASTERERS
All Interior and Exterior work
Free Quotes
Tel. 01446 774899
0781 685 7935

GUY FORD
Quality Plastering Service
No job too small
FREE QUOTES
07812093098

Plumbing Services

JW Bathrooms
• Plumbing • Tiling
• Plastering • Wet Rooms
Free estimates
No job too small
01446 400225
07866 470754

DC Plumbing
• NO call out charge
• Flexible hours
• No job too small
Call Dave on -
Tel: 01446 413971
Mobile: 0779 263 0939

CT BATHROOMS PLUMBING & TILING
07723 024765

M MARTYN
PLUMBING SERVICES
For all your plumbing needs. No job too small
07526 125982
or 01446 753503

J P EDWARDS
PLUMBING & HEATING
Bathroom Suites • Combi Boilers
Tiling • Servicing • Breakdowns
Taps & Washers • Radiators
safe No. 526644
01446 790127 07719 605526
FREE QUOTES NO CALL OUT CHARGE

S.M.Vaughan
HEATING & PLUMBING - DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL
• Boilers • Pipework • Radiators
• Gas Safety Certificates
• Fires Servicing • LPG Specialists
• Static Homes/Caravans/Boats
safe 230141
01446 734733 • Mob 07976 790096
Unit 11, Ty Verlon Ind. Estate, Barry

GM Plumbing & Heating
01446 735 681 or 07815 097 994 24hrs
Combination Boiler Specialist
Annual Boiler Service only £40
For all your plumbing and heating requirements
All Work Guaranteed. Fully Insured.
Fast, Friendly Service.
safe 301616

PAUL MARSHMAN
DOMESTIC PLUMBING SERVICE
Repairs • Installation
Tiling • Electrical
07876 506982
01446 740176
safe 53440

The GEM
01446 774484

DON'T DO IT YOURSELF

Call a professional From our A-Z list

Roofing Services

01656 720551
07973 488806
Roofing specialists
S. MIDDLETON & SON
We cover all aspects of roofing including Firestone EPDM Flat Roofing Rubber Systems
www.middletonroofing.co.uk

01446 404838
Silvey Roofing
• New Roofs/Repairs
• UPVC Guttering & Fascias
FREE ESTIMATES
www.silveyroofing.co.uk

Tiling/Wetrooms

Bonny Tiler
Wall & Floor Tiling Specialists
Full Bathroom and Wetroom installation
Professional, Friendly & Reliable Service
01446 796582 / 07854 168459
www.bonnytiler.co.uk

Wanted

SCRAP YOUR CAR LEGALLY
Avoid the cell - USE A&L!
A&L
We collect all over S. Wales Collection within 1 hour
VEHICLE RECYCLING & SCRAP METALS
We buy any: Car, Van, Lorry, Bus, Scrap Metal, Gold and Silver etc.
UP TO £20,000 IMMEDIATE PAYMENT
We will beat any price locally REALLY! for: Copper, Lead. Brass, Aluminium, Stainless Steel, Household Wire, Armour Cable, etc.
ONLY licensed company Registered with the DVLA and Environmental Agency in Barry
We collect: insurance or 3rd party writeoffs • Car Shells Engines & Gearboxes
Call us today on 01446 701707 (24 Hours)

SBS SALVAGE Ltd
BEST PRICES PAID FOR UNWANTED SCRAP
£1 to £100,000
Cars, Vans, Heavy Iron, Engines, Copper, Brass, Lead, Aluminium, etc . . .
All vehicles are disposed of in a correct and legal manner.
07772 054534 or 01446 421034

For Hire

FOR HIRE
7.5 ton BOX VAN
with driver
£250 per day plus fuel
Extra labour can be provided if required.
Removals also undertaken.
Call Martin on 07964 225937 for further information

Property

Lets Move In .co .uk
Lettings and Property Management
rightmove
DPS
Attention Landlords
Properties urgently needed for waiting clients in CF61 and CF62.
'Find a Tenant Fee'
Just £100 throughout July.
For further details contact 07594 060337
Email: philip@letsmovein.co.uk
www.letsmovein.co.uk

Removal Services

MAN WITH A VAN
Low hourly rate, no job too small, fully insured.
01656 861120
07789 075104

NDT REMOVALS
• Grass Cuttings
• House Removal
• Rubbish Removal
• Hedge Trimming
• House Clearance
• Free Quotes
☎ 07763 007819

Telephone Broadband

ARDENT TELEPHONE WIRING
Local Telephone and Broadband Engineer. Extensions and Faults. Internet connection issues.
Tel 07787 380972
ardent.wiring@hotmail.co.uk

Upholstery Services

Susan Viant Re-upholstery
All aspects of re-upholstery underaken.
Call
01656 724005 (day)
01656 720722 (evenings)

Dog Training Service

DOG TRAINING

One-to-one basis
07816 930767

Dog Sitting Service

DOG SITTING

"Your house or mine"
07816 930767

Public Notices

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Ewenny Garden Centre Ltd of **Wick Road, Ewenny, Bridgend, CF35 5AD** is applying for a licence to use **Ewenny Garden Centre Ltd, Wick Road, Ewenny, Bridgend CF35 5AD** as an operating centre for **2 goods vehicles** and **1 trailer**.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.

Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

Articles For Sale

ADVERTISE HERE £12 inc. VAT - box for 2 weeks. To take advantage of this offer simply either send in your description along with a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to 'The Glamorgan GEM' at The GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or telephone us with your wording by 12 noon Tuesday. All major credit cards accepted. Tel 01446 774484. Advert must contain a residential land line telephone number. You may alter your advert as items are sold. **Sorry no refunds are given.**

Minivator Stairlift
Right hand straight, 14 riser, excellent condition, perfect working order.
£350 ono
01446 737095 26/27

Morris Mahogany Oval Dining Table with 6 matching chairs and exending leaf.
Immaculate condition.
£300 ono
01446 737095 27

New 36m Check Wool Fabric
Suitable for curtains, and 50m of lining.
Bought £340, open to negotiation.
Tel 01656 881923 25/26

Vax Vacuum Cleaner (new) £50 ono
Car Battery Charger (new) £10
Zanussi Spin Dryer (new) £50
01656 658107 26

2 Yarbik Tablets £70 & £90
2 Bivitar Digital Camcorders £15 each
5 Charlie Bears (collectors) £25 - £55 each
02920 704882 28

Morris Mahogany Display/Drinks Cabinet
Balmoral Range. Width 1585, Height 1864, Depth 418.
Immaculate condition.
£350 ono
01446 737095 27

Epiphone Sheraton 11 Guitar
2007 model, tobacco sunburst, gold plated hardware, mint condition, never gigged, no case hence. £130
07970 082708 26

WHEELIE BINS (240 Litre)
Standard council size bin
£23 each (can deliver)
07584 300584 27

FOR SALE
Barbecue Dehumidifier
Halogen Cooker
£30 Each
07792 902044 27

Pop Up Folding Gazebo
in carrying case. 3 metres. Used once. Cost £99.99. Will sell for £49.99
New two child fold up chairs
in cases, one pink, one blue
£5 each
01446 420966 27

Classique Riser & Recline Disability Chair - £150 ono
Collapsible Wheelchair - £40 ono
Stenna Stairlift, straight run, 14 tread - £200 ono
Chalon Baby Grand Piano - Offers
Phillips Executive Heated Food Trolley - £35 ono
Cream leather Suite - £150 ono
Dining Table and 4 Chairs - £75 ono
07717 745 943 28

TO LET
3 Bed House
Just off CARDIFF ROAD BARRY
Double glazed, GCH.
Bond & 2 references required
£500 pcm
Tel: 01656 895042
07905 429935

Wanted

LOTS OF LEGO WANTED
Please ring
01446 751651 28

Motors For Sale

1998 Swift Accord 390 2 berth caravan
£2,200
01446 792327
07411 056613 26

04 Ford Ka
Long MoT and tax. Good condition. Metallic silver.
£1,250 ono
07971 185146 28/29

M Reg BMW Compact
Taxed, MOT, reliable runner. Excellent condition throughout. Sale due to bereavement.
open to offers
01446 742669 26/27

05 Ford Ka
Taxed and MoT October. 80,000 miles. One owner, metallic silver.
£600 ono
01446 781272 28/29

BUYING A NEW CAR?

Advertise your car for sale
£20+vat for 2 weeks
Telephone Gareth
01446 774484

School of Motoring

Cats Eyes Driving School Ltd
• Lessons from £10.99 • Instructor training
• Learn from 14 years of age
• One week crash courses including test
• Automatic Vehicles now available
0800 0280 406
www.catseyesdrivingschool.co.uk

LANEWISE DRIVING SCHOOL
First 3 hours from £39 for total beginners
01446 719555
07798 501267

SUTTONS Auto Salvage
£125 minimum paid on collection, for scrap, MOT failures, and tax expired vehicles.
Also body shells and scrap metals collected.
No wheels, no problem.
02920 597887
07971 648596

Wanted

DH Solutions - Vehicle Traders
Scrap or not we buy the lot CASH
£200 minimum - Any vehicle with at least 3 months MoT in good working order
We buy all cars, vans, lorries and plant.
£150 minimum any vehicle up to £50,000 cash paid
Free collection for all vehicles at a time to best suit you.
£100 minimum any vehicle pre 1993 L Registration
All vehicles quotes are on a complete vehicle basis with all the factory components. All unsaveable vehicles disposed of in a correct and legal manner.
No wheels, no problem
www.scrapmetalvehicletrader.co.uk
07785 943145 or 01446 728137

Major Metals Recycling
Why trash it? Cash it!
Top prices for..
Computers
Electricals
Non-Ferrous Metals
CASH FOR CLOTHES, BOOKS & DVD'S
Any queries call 07972 510 158

The GEM
Call 01446 774484

Situations Vacant

VALE of GLAMORGAN
BRO MORGANNWG

Adult Services
Gwasanaethau Oedolion

Kitchen Domestic Assistant *

Up to £6.47 per hour
28 hours per week over 4 days
Ref: V-CC-PY745

For further information and an application form contact the Council by visiting www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or telephone contact OneVale on 01446 700111 between 8am-6pm.

Closing date: 25 July 2013

Subject to * DBS Checks.

www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
The Vale of Glamorgan Council is an equal opportunities employer.
Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn gyflogwr cyfle cyfartal.

Highly respected charity requires
CARE WORKERS
to support older people in the community.

A car, driving licence and CRB check are necessary for the job. Full training provided, plus favourable rates of pay.

Tel: 029 20 700057
(option 1)
E-Mail: **business@crossroads-vale.org.uk**
Reg. Charity No. 1061381

TNT POST (Doordrop Media) LTD
require
RELIABLE DISTRIBUTORS
to deliver the
Ikea Catalogue
starting mid August in Barry & Penarth areas. Car or van, and phone, essential.
Please call
01840 213042
and leave your details

SUPPORT WORKERS

Can you help others to live life to the full? If so, we have a range of opportunities for Support Workers in the Vale of Glamorgan area. Various contracts are available

£6.73 - £7.25 per hour
(Dependent on, qualifications and probation period)

For an application pack, please visit **www.cartrefi.org** or phone our hotline on **02920 642286** quoting the reference number: **130722/SW/VALE**

Closing date: 22nd July 2013,
Interview date: 29th July 2013

Charity No. 702290

OIL FACILITIES LIMITED
Bookkeeper Vacancy

Due to retirement, a bookkeeper position exists in OFL, an expanding company in Llandow that operates throughout Wales and the West Country.

Responsibilities include maintaining the company's ledgers, SAGE accounting, day to day running of accounts department, payroll, credit control, sales and purchase ledgers, banking, VAT returns, general office duties and preparation of monthly management accounts. 6-8 hours per day. A competitive salary is offered

Please forward a copy of your CV to timg@theoilspecialists.com

---

Job Opportunity @ The GEM Newspaper

Now in its 30th year of publication, this home-delivered, family-owned community newspaper is looking for new staff to join our small but highly experienced and dedicated team.

We are keen to meet with Vale locals who have the following vital attributes:

Bright and Intelligent:
You may not have the best qualifications, but we are more interested in your attitude and ability to get on well with our customers, however a good basic education in English and Maths is needed. Clear and concise communication skills are very important.

Creative and observant eye:
Maybe you consider yourself someone who always knows what's always happening in the area; which shops/businesses are opening or changing direction to win new customers, and the ability to help a potential advertiser with designing an advert that local readers will be interested in reading.

Positive and Presentable:
You will be someone who knows how a good business needs to be represented; your attitude will be positive to life and to the economy, which is showing clear signs of improvement in many areas of business. You may have recently left school and wish to go into work, rather than further education; we're very happy to train the right people. We'd prefer you have a full clean driving licence, but will still consider applicants who do not.

Salary starts at £13,650 with bonus opportunities based on set objectives.

Apply only by a handwritten letter, (which may be scanned and e-mailed), detailing your matches with our requirements to: **gemsales@tindlenews.co.uk**

A RESPONSE WILL ONLY BE SENT TO APPLICANTS WE WISH TO MEET.

Birthdays

TAYA JURY
July 16, 2013
Happy Birthday, Teenager

Love you loads, from Daddy, Nanny, Chelsea, Holly, Alice, Cieren and all our family!
x x x

Jan Irving
Hope you have a lovely birthday on July 13th.
Love from all your friends at The GEM
XXX

Graduations

Tegan Tipples
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GRADUATION!
Well done Tegan!
Love Dad, Pamela, Amanda, Daniel & Jordan. *xxx*

Funeral Directors

W. A. Brown & Son
Funeral Directors
Contactable 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
• Funeral pre-payment plans
• Memorial masonry
Pembroke House,
College Street, Llantwit Major
01446 792 489

Family Notices

SMITH
Simon

Sadly on Thursday July 4, at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Simon of Boverton, Llantwit Major (formerly Cowbridge).

Dearly loved husband of Elaine, special dad of Nick, Chris and the late Andrew.
Devoted da of Lauren and Rebecca.

Resting at Southlands Funeral Home until the service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday June 16 at 2.15pm.

Family flowers only, please. Donations in lieu to the Stroke Association Wales. Further enquiries to Duncan Thomas of Evan E Thomas and Sons, Southlands Funeral Home, Porthcawl CF36 5DA. Tel: 01656 783383.

CLIFFORD
Christine Elizabeth

Sadly, after her long illness, Chris, of Llantwit Major, passed away on July 8 at Holme Tower, Penarth, aged 70 years.

Devoted wife of John, adored Mum of Andrew and Ann,her daughter-in-law Jackie and son-in-law Peter, much loved grandmother of Hannah, Catherine, Matthew and Emily. Chris will be deeply missed by all her family and everyone who knew her.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday July 16, service 2pm at St Illtuds Church followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.15pm. Family flowers only may be sent to the Funeral Home, donations in lieu, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

HOOPER
Barbara

Peacefully on July 3rd at Holme Tower Marie Curie Centre, Penarth, Barbara of Tair Onen, Cowbridge. Partner of Larry, mother of Graham, Marion and Jan.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, July 19th, service and cremation 3.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Holme Tower Marie Curie Centre c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

THOMAS
John Michael

Suddenly on July 2 at his home in Llysworney, Mike, beloved husband of the late Rose, devoted father of Christine and Keith, much loved grandfather of Lisa and Jason, brother-in-law of Marion and the late Harry.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thursday July 18, service and cremation 2.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to British Heart Foundation c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

BRITTAIN
John William Stanley

Sue, Richard and Kate wish to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind support and messages of sympathy following the sad loss of John.

Special thanks to A.G. Adams & Son for their care and funeral arrangements, the Reverend Clive Jones for the comforting service, the staff of B5 University Hospital of Wales who cared for John, the staff of the Cwm Talwg Public House and Maggie for the lovely refreshments.

Many thanks also for the kind donations received in respect of the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at University Hospital of Wales.

HASTINGS
Cecil

Peacefully on July 5 at UHW, Cardiff, Paddy of Gileston, beloved husband of Barbara, loving father of John and Danuta. Forever in our thoughts.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday July 15, service 1.15pm at St Athan Church followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.45pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Cancer Research Wales c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

MARY MOORE

Peacefully, after a very short illness, Mary passed away in Y Bwthyn Newydd, Bridgend on July 6, 2013. Much loved wife of John, mother to Paul and Karen, and nanny to Emma, Luke and Cerys.

Funeral service at All Hallows Catholic Church, Miskin at 12 noon on Wednesday July 17, followed by interment in The Limes Cemetery, Cowbridge.

Family flowers only - donations, if desired, to Y Bwthyn Newydd, Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

ROSCOE
Marjorie

Peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on July 4th, Marjorie of Springfield Rise, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of the late Hedley, much loved mum of Stuart, mother-in-law of Jennifer. Adored grandma of Natasha and Ludi, great-grandma of Cameron, loving aunt of Kathy and to all her nieces and nephews.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until her service and committal at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry on Tuesday, 16th July at 11.15am. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers to Parkside Christian Centre, St Brides Way, Barry, cheques to Bethlehem Church, Barry.

WILLIAMS
Gerald

Suddenly on July 1st at the Princes of Wales Hospital, Gerald of Barry, beloved husband of Jennie, beloved father of Penny and Christopher, father-in-law of Jim, grandfather to Jack and Harri. Sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at David Wilde Chapel of Rest, Mawdlam, North Cornelly until the funeral on Friday, July 12th. Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 12 noon. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired to the RNLI, Barry Fundraising Branch, c/o Mr Gordon Mudford, 33 Hawthorne Road, Barry CF62 6LE.

Enquiries please to Brian Thomas Funeral Director, Bryntirion, Bridgend, telephone 01656 668967.

HARTLAND
Sylvia

Trevor would like to thank all the friends and neighbours who kindly attended Sylvia's funeral service at St Athan village church on Friday 5th July.

Special thanks go to the Reverend Huw Butler for his heart-felt words and to William James & Sons, Funeral Directors, for their compassion and professionalism.

Finally, my thanks go to all the staff at Brocastle Manor care home for their dedication in making my Mother's time there as comfortable and homely as possibly.

JONES
Jennifer Ann

Suddenly but peacefully on 24th June at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital in the presence of her two sons, Leigh and Jamie, Jennifer sadly passed away.

Her funeral took place on Wednesday, 3rd July at Cardiff and Vale Crematorium.

She was the eldest daughter of Grace Collins and the late Philip Jones, and sister to Sue.

The family wish to thank all those who attended her funeral and for the numerous cards and messages of sympathy.

Our thanks to the funeral directors, Lyndsay and Nicola Ellis for their professional care and attention and many thanks to Lorraine Barrett who conducted the service.

CLARKE
John

At peace now, John died on 2nd July with his loved ones around him. John was the beloved and courageous husband of Trisha, the much loved father of Russell, Tony and Jeffrey, friend and father-in-law to Melanie, Elizabeth and Kevin. The loved grandfather of Jenny and Steve and will also be missed by their mother Sandra; loved Bampy to Rhys. Brother to Glenys, Jean, Colin and the late David (Australia).

Funeral service to be held at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Monday, 15th July at 11.15am. Family flowers only by request, donations in lieu to Leukaemia Research may be made during the retiring collection following the service. Gratitude for the wonderful team at B4 Haematology whose expertise, compassion and support was esteemed by all his family.

RHOOSE LIFEGUARD NIPPERS START SUMMER SEASON ON A HIGH NOTE...

ON Sunday, June 9, the team of Nippers from Rhoose Lifeguards Club had an early start travelling to Caswell Bay for the first of the season's carnivals.

With events starting at 8.30am, most families were on the beach with kids ready to go at 7.45am. The fine weather and steady sea conditions made for a great day out for competitors and spectators alike.

The competition, hosted by Mumbles Lifeguards Club, got off to a fast start with the sea wade and surf swim events before moving onto board races.

Later in the morning and through to early afternoon, events moved to the beach with Nippers taking part in sprints, long runs and flags competitions. Several members of the team also competed in the Super Nipper event – a challenging race combining running, swimming and boarding.

The Rhoose team put in a fantastic performance with many newcomers competing for the first time. Rhoose finished in second place, with the winning team taking the top spot by only 8 points!

A great day of competition and sunshine was enjoyed by all. Thanks as always to the Rhoose Nippers and their parents for a very enjoyable day!

JF

PUPILS TAKE THEIR SPORTING CHANCES

ROMILLY Primary School was a hive of sporting activity during National Sports Week (June 24-28).

It is the fourth year that the school has taken part in a week that highlights the importance of sport and being active. During the week, the children were encouraged to try new sports.

The school's good links with the community meant that many coaches were invited in to help run some fun sessions.

The whole school, including nursery, also had a fun sports day session on the school field where the older children coached the younger children in activities such as football and hockey shots, netball shots, javelin throws, long jump, skipping and many more.

The week culminated with the foundation phase sports day, with hundreds of spectators; parents, grandparents and children. We had sprints, egg and spoon, dressing up, obstacle and class shuttle relays. We look forward to the junior sports day which takes place at Jenner Park Stadium on Friday, July 12. **JR**

Schools squad announced for Dewar Shield

AFTER six months of intensive development coaching, 28 boys have been selected from an original group of 56 to represent Vale schools in the Wales-wide Dewar Shield competition.

They are: Duncan Ace, flanker, Cowbridge; Rhys Beynon, centre/full back, Bro Morgannwg; Robert Boyt, Lock, Barry Boys; Daniel Bunney, centre, Cowbridge; Basil Crack, prop/hooker, Stanwell; Sean Davies, wing, Cowbridge; Alex Drake, prop/hooker, Stanwell; Cai Evans, outside half, Cowbridge; William Gale, backs, Stanwell; Aled George, flanker, Bro Morgannwg; James Holder, back row/full back, Cowbridge; Evan Holloway, centre, Llantwit Major; Joshua James, prop, Stanwell; Owen Lloyd, No.8, Stanwell; Harry Morgan-Grant, outside half, Barry; Joe Nott, centre, Cowbridge; Samuel Palmer, wing/full back, Llantwit Major; Rhys Picton, flanker, Stanwell; Morgan Rees, scrum half, Stanwell; Aaran Rees-Thomas, lock, Barry; Kian Richards, prop, St Cyres; Spencer Robinson, scrum half, Stanwell; Ben Rose, scrum half, Barry Boys; Joe Short, No. 8, Stanwell; Dafydd Smith, outside half/centre, Bro Morgannwg; Mitchell Smyth, hooker, Barry Boys; Sam Sullivan, prop, St Richard Gwyn; Owain Thomas-Jenkins, lock/No.8, Bro Morgannwg.

Squad training is now under way every Friday evening at selected clubs throughout the Vale, prior to the first match in late September. We have been drawn in the first round with Pontypridd, Pembroke, Merthyr, Islwyn and Aberavon, with the top two going on to round two.

We are hoping that local businesses/firms will come forward to offer sponsorship.

SYD THOMAS, manager/coach, Vale of Glamorgan Schools Rugby Union.

Ladies enjoy a scramble!

ON Monday, July 1 a nine-hole Texas Scramble was arranged by Lorraine Pointon-Bell on both the Mackintosh and Button Gwinnett courses.

The weather was condusive to a good evening, much fun was had by all and concluded with a superb barbecue supplied by Cottrell Park.

Marion Stephenson, Elaine Mais and Jen Thomas won first prize on Mac and received purses as prizes.

Maggie Thomas (nearest pin on the 4th hole of Mac).

First prize on Button, Carol Duncanson, Rusty Phone and Eluned Rees with their multi coloured umbrellas.

Jan Cosby (nearest pin 8th hole on Mac) receives a pair of candlesticks.

Sandra Collin (nearest pin on 9th hole Button) received a silk scarf .

Glory for duo

CONGRATULATIONS to Graham Attfield (The Barn PC) and Tony Smith (Monkstone PC) who have won this year's national doubles petanque title held at Brecon RFC PC on Sunday, June 23.

The final was played against Phil Bradshaw (Monkstone Inn PC) and Kon Tomczyk (Caerleon RFC PC), who were placed first after the qualifying round, their opponents finishing fourth.

Phil and Kon won the toss and elected to play on the coarse granular terrain and took the first end. Graham and Tony then built up an 11-2 lead playing positively, before Phil and Kon took back the jack and slowly fought back to bring their score to within three points.

The final end saw Phil and Kon missing vital shots, allowing Graham to point his second boule to take the match 13-8.

JS

Pete lands hole-in-one!

Players dream of their first hole in one even though the cost may be high when they return to the club house and treat their friends to the customary celebratory drink.

A hole in one is a rare event and usually happens on the shorter par three holes where the green can be reached in a single stroke. However when the hole in one is achieved on a par 4 hole then it prompts a search through the record books.

Wenvoe Castle Club member Peter Pemberton holed out on the par 4 twelfth hole with his drive of almost 280 yards.

It is so rare it has only happened a couple of times in the 77 year history of the club and Peter was clearly delighted with his feat.

"I could see the ball had gone towards the green but it wasn't until we arrived and looked for the ball we found it in the hole. It is a great feeling sinking my first hole in one and I genuinely felt delighted to buy all

my friends a drink to celebrate," he commented.

Club captain Barrie Jones congratulated Peter on his special 'hole in one', for which he will receive a special certificate commemorating his achievement.

BJ

Cardio tennis is a smash!

COWBRIDGE Lawn Tennis Club has recently teamed up with Vale Tennis Academy to enhance the tennis programme that the club already offers.

Cardio Tennis takes place every Wednesday evening at 6pm for adults and juniors aged 14 years plus; from July 24 a new block of sessions will be starting for adults and also a new session called Kidz Cardio for children aged 7-13 years.

Cowbridge LTC will also be holding its annual junior tournament on Sunday, August 18. If you are interested in playing or joining the club visit www.cltc.webs.com.

HM

New team all set for action

VIFC are a new football team who will be playing in the Vale of Glamorgan league next season.

The club is looking to be an alternative choice for young people in the area to come to play football as part of a team. The club is a long term project with committed staff wanting to develop the club to success and beyond.

You can find us on Facebook at www.facebook/vifootballclub, on Twitter @vifootballclub and at www.vifootballclub.com.

Pre-season training will run every Monday and Wednesday at 6.15pm, all players welcome.

The club is also looking for away friendlies, so if anyone is interested please contact the club either by e-mail at vifootballclub@hotmail.com or the club secretary on 079 504 15 990.

RC

When horse racing graced Stalling Down...

AS long ago as the 1760s, horse racing was taken place at Stalling Down in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Cardiff Borough records contain references to race meetings held at Heath Farm in the early 1800s; However, for natural beauty few of the old racecourses could surpass the one at Cowbridge where from the slopes of Penllyn Castle thousands would gather for the Glamorgan Hunt Steeplechases.

The meeting was regarded as the 'Derby Day of south Wales' and the meeting brought large numbers of spectators to the town in all sorts of conveyances. Bunting was strung up in the High Street, adding to the carnival atmosphere and the Great Western Railway laid on special trains of 18 carriages. It was at Cowbridge Steeplechases that Colonel Sir Harry Llewellyn, of show-jumping Foxhunter fame, rode his first winner under rules in 1930.

The First Viscount Lord Tredegar once won the principal race at Cowbridge on Sir Briggs, his celebrated charger at the Battle of Balaclava in the Crimean War. An even more unusual winner at Cowbridge was a mare called Maid of Killarney, belonging to an Irishman,Tim Donovan, a Cardiff rag and bone man.

She raced everything on the roads to Cowbridge and still won when she got there as the other horses in the race all failed to jump the open ditch.

One of the most successful National Hunt jockeys of his time was Evan Wiliams who hailed from Cowbridge. The son of Fred Williams, the popular starter at Cardiff races and mine host of the Bear Hotel, Evan was to win two Cheltenham Gold Cups and a Grand National. When he was attached to fellow Welshman Owen Anthony's Letcombe Basett yard he was asked to ride the legendary Golden Miller in the 1936 Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Golden Miller, who had set a record by winning the race for the previous four years, had ran out with his usual rider Gerry Wilson in the saddle at Newbury less than three weeks before there race.

It must have caused the little known Welshman, as he then was, a great deal of stress getting up on the most popular steeplechaser of all time, but Evan showing great horsemanship as well as jockeyship steered the mighty 'Miller' to a 12 lengths win over Royal Mail, the horse on whom he was to win the 1937 Grand National.

One gentleman who certainly help up the sporting tradition of the Cardiff area was Joseph Butler Jones who was known on the racecourse as 'Joe the Crwys'.

The son of Thomas Jones who had a bakery in St Johns Street, Cardiff, Joe took a keen interest in horses and horse racing as a young lad and when he took over Crwys Farm, situated where Maindy Barracks now stands, he was able to put his knowledge and skills to good use. He had many notable successes in his teens over the old Cardiff Racecourse at Heath and later at Ely.

On one occasion, in 1865,at the old Oakgrove, St Arvans course at Chepstow, he showed superior horsemanship by winning all four races on the card. On his uncle Richard Thomas' Cabin Boy, he won the Open Hunt Steeplechase over four miles and then proceeded to win the Hunt Steeplechase over three miles on EM Curre's Father Pat after surviving an objection for going the wrong side of a flag.

Cabin Boy was then brought out again to win the Farmers Hunt Steeplechase over two miles and this time an objection was raised on the grounds that the owner had no land which the hounds hunted; Mr Thomas got around this by claiming he had land at Marshfield near Cardiff.

Joe then won the Scurry over two miles on the appropriately named Quick Silver and seeing as he led throughout, no- one dared this time to raise an objection. The grey Cabin Boy was running in Joe's own purple and black colours the following year when he won the Cardiff Open Steeplechase over three-and-a-half miles at Cardiff's Ely Racecourse.

He also took the Ely Hurdle on his chestnut Adrier and when he landed the Hack Stakes over a mile on the flat on the same horse the following day he came in for the biggest cheers of the meeting.

Lord Glanely and Colonel Henry Lewis, of Greenmeadow, who at one time owned the Grand National winner Little Charlie, and other notabilities, were said to have been on familiar terms with Joseph Butler Jones - and judging by his success on the turf, this is not hard to believe. During his racing career he collected a magnificent array of valuable trophies.

He died at 19 Woodville Road, Cathays, Cardiff, on January 14, 1924, aged 80.

**Brian Lee is the author of Welsh Steeplechase Jockeys and The Welsh Grand National from Deerstalker to Supreme Glory - you can send your news/views to Brian Lee at brianlee4@virgin-media.com.*

BRIAN LEE

SKITTLERS' PRESENTATION

The Barry and District League held their annual skittle presentation night at the Wyndham Conservative Club, Barry. The Ex-servicemen skittle team had a good season this year and the photograph shows the trophies collected on the night. A 'killer' competition was held for all those present which was won by Graham Yarr from the 49ers; in 2nd and 3rd place were David Stevens and Trevor Martin, both from the Ex-servicemen.

SPORTY SCHOOLS SCOOP AWARDS

THREE Vale schools have won awards for the high quality of their physical education lessons.

Gladstone Primary, Ysgol Sant Curig and Llantwit Major Comprehensive received the ActiveMark Cymru accolade, developed between Sport Wales and the Association for Physical Education.

As recipients of the award, the schools will shortly receive a certificate from Sport Wales and will be able to display the ActiveMark logo in school documentation and on their websites for three years.

Additionally, with the school's permission, and in the spirit of school-to-school support, their expertise can be utilised to support others interested in applying for the award and help strengthen the self-evaluation process.

Cabinet member for children's services, Coun Chris Elmore, said: "Congratulations to all three schools. Sport and physical education form a vital part of the school curriculum and I am glad to see our schools in the Vale are teaching children the importance of being fit and healthy."

Cavs put Llandeilo to the sword

With several first team players unavailable, including wicketkeeper Harry Withers and big hitting Hughes, the Cavs made the long journey west to take on Llandeilo.

The first XI wanted to bounce back with a win after last week's loss to league leaders Pwll. Captain Snelson won the toss and elected to field on a mossy pitch.

Sam Pickford (8.3-4-14-1) bowled in tandem with Jono Cheal (6-1-19-0) to keep Llandeilo to only 29 runs from the first 12 overs of the game.

D Gasgoinge (46) played very strongly through the leg-side to increase the Llandeilo run rate. He was well supported by N Lloyd (56) as Llandeilo reached 84 for 1.

A change of bowling from captain Snelson saw a flurry of wickets for the Cavs as an enthusiastic Julian Griffiths (13-1-43-5) and Dave Cheal (9-2-22-2) tore through the Llandeilo batting line-up, taking the last 7 wickets for 37 runs.

Griffiths clean bowled 3 batsmen with balls that nipped back of the seam and twice uprooted middle stump. Llandeilo finished 177 all out from 49.3 overs.

Chris Cousens (50) batted well on his final Cavs game, before moving to pastures new, on a pitch with variable pace and bounce. Along with Snelson (40), Cousens got the Cavs into a position of strength while batting in an edgy environment.

However, a flurry of wickets, from the bowling of C Jenkins (12-0-39-2) and J Pierce (5-1-26-2), reduced the Cavs to 134 for 5. A confident 50 not out from club chairman Neal Pritchard, which included a big six into the nearby trees, saw the Cavs home as the winning runs were hit from the penultimate ball of the game for the loss of 6 wickets.

The first XI are in action at Windmill Lane this Saturday against Felinfoel.

BJ

For the second week in a row, the Cavs 2nd XI were able to field a strong side and with Shane Callard actually winning the toss (flipping for a change) were able to bat first on a lovely summer's day against Llandeilo.

The Cavs made 193 for 4 wickets off their 40 overs with Lewis Collins (95) and Tom Gingell (50) putting on 159 runs for the 3rd wicket with both batsmen getting out in the last over of the innings to RH Thomas (2 for 34; opener Phil Harris (22) and M Bleasdale (2 for 29) both making contributions for their respective sides.

The Cavs took to the field confident that their score would not be overhauled. With all bowlers swinging the ball, Llandeillo found things heavy going as they batted out for a losing draw finally reaching 119 for 7 wickets off their 40 overs.

Opener R Thomas top scored (40 not out) having batted through a very warm and tiring 40 overs; C Davies also contributed with 17. For the Cavs Kieran Davies (10-3-26-2), Phil Vincent (10-3-17-1), Phil Harris (8-2-13-1), Ashley Gifford (2 for 21), Lee Callard (1 for 13), Tom Gingell and Dom Henson all bowled well with Nick Harris also playing his part.

The Cavs 2nd will be hoping to have another relatively strong side out when they travel to Felinfoel this week, hoping to put in another competitive performance.

DMC

The Cavs midweek XI lost their unbeaten record against Cogan at Windmill Lane last Wednesday evening.

Skipper Julian Griffiths won the toss and chose to bowl first against an experienced Cogan team.

Griffiths chose to bowl every player in the team apart from veteran keeper Shane Callard. The Cavs opened the bowling with the sun-kissed Dave Cheal (2-1-5-1) who made sure that Cogan got off to a slow start on a two-paced pitch.

Cogan opener L Williams (52) batted steadily and punished anything wide to get a deserved half century and help Cogan to their final total of 109-8 from their 20 overs. Griffiths (2-1-6-3) was the pick of the Cavs bowlers, bowling very well at the death to restrict the Cogan batsmen.

The Cavaliers' never really looked like reaching the target after a slow start, with batsmen struggling in difficult condition. It proved difficult to get the Cogan bowlers away as there was very little pace on the ball. A Charles (4-0-11-2) and M Griffiths (4-0-13-2) bowled well to ensure the Cavs finished 84 for 7 from their 20 overs, losing by 25 runs. Mark Coldwell (15) and Gareth Hughes (14*) were the top performers in a very mediocre batting display.

After the disappointment of Wednesday's loss, the Cavs midweek team responded emphatically on Thursday evening with a colossal Midweek Cup win over Fontygary.

Captain Griffiths chose to bat first and his decision was immediately vindicated with opener Lewis Collins (19) putting Fonty's bowling to the sword with several well timed boundaries.

The Cavs scored at more than 8 runs per over throughout their innings. Captain Griffiths (24) scored freely, sending one over for 20 runs before he was clean bowled. Ben Jenkins (25 retired) and David Russell (24*) helped the Cavs reach 173 all out in the final over of the innings.

In reply, Fontygary were dismissed for 45, losing by 128 runs. Scott Buckley (2-0-14-2) and spinner Tom Gingell (2-0-4-3) tore through the Fonty's top order before Lee Callard (2-0-14-1) and Dave Russell (1.1-0-1-1) completed the rout, banishing the memories of Wednesday's league defeat to Cogan.

MJ/BJ

On a sweltering Sunday afternoon, the Cavs Sunday XI welcomed Dinas Powys to Windmill Lane and batted first on a used pitch.

Captain Nigel Allison chose a mixture of experience and youth with three 15 year olds in the team.

The Cavs lost wickets regularly to start with; Julian Griffiths (21) was the only Cavs batsman from the top five to cause any really problems for the Dinas opening bowlers, N Piddock (8-3-25-3) and M Locke (8-2-26-2), with some lovely shots resulting in boundaries.

Ben Jenkins (21) and the ever happy 15 year old Joe Jenkins (36), steadied the Cavs ship before Ben was bowled around his legs. Joe batted magnificently, timing drives well and punishing any full tosses that came his way.

Londoner Tom Pritchard (24*) ensured the Cavs reached 170 for 9 from their 40 overs; he was assisted in the latter overs by some big hitting from Kieran Davies (19).

The Dinas run chase started off incredibly slowly. Dave Cheal (8-7-1-1) bowled exceptionally to give away only one run in 49 balls, which was courtesy of a wide, an achievement anybody will struggle to match this season.

Dinas batsmen A Ford (56) and M Wilton (37) got Dinas close to the victory; however, Dave Russell (7-0-39-3) and Griffiths (4-1-16-3) took wickets at crucial times to bowl Dinas out for 165, agonisingly close to victory.

BJ

Steel too tough for Seconds

SUMMER has seemingly finally arrived with last Saturday a beautiful day with the only cloud in the sky being those created by the steel works of Port Talbot, where Cowbridge 2nd XI travelled to face Tata Steel.

The Cowbridge bowlers breathed an immediate sigh of relief as Jonty Webb won the toss and elected to bat on a fantastic looking pitch. Unfortunately, John Brazier was run out early to a direct hit which brought the captain to the crease.

Both he and Tim Moss then proceeded to put together a good partnership, with Tim batting particularly well, punishing any bad deliveries with ease. Jonty was then out with the score on 40, which signalled a flurry of wickets, but thankfully Tim held firm at the other end.

In the end Tim was out for an excellent 53 with Cowbridge still struggling at 87 for 7. However, at this point, some stubborn resistance was provided by two stalwarts of the club; Guy Parker and Colin White.

Guy, in Wales on his summer migration from Bahrain, plus senior professional Colin blunted the Tata Steel attack allowing for the score to rise slowly but surely. Through a mixture of inventiveness and good shot selection, Colin and Guy managed to take the score to over 130 when both Guy (15) and Colin (23) were out with Cowbridge being finally dismissed for 135.

Cowbridge knew that it would be difficult to protect such a low total on a very good pitch with a fast outfield and therefore they would have to field and bowl particularly well to stand any chance of victory.

The Cowbridge bowlers started well with Tom Scott-Combes picking up the Tata Steel opener caught behind, with then Zac Summer-Hayes picking up two wickets in an over to two quite terrific catches by Colin White in the gully.

This left Tata Steel 30 for 3 off 10 overs and under some pressure. However, Rhys Owen and Jack Donovan then proceeded to dig in and build a sizeable partnership. Try as they could, the Cowbridge bowlers could not remove the pair despite some excellent tight bowling from the likes of Guy Parker and Ian Evans.

The score slowly crept up with Cowbridge attempting to apply pressure on the batsmen but with so few runs to play with this proved very difficult to do. In the end the captain threw the ball to Cai Owen, who then proceeded to take two wickets in an over, but this proved too little too late, as Tata Steel reached the total with only the loss of 5 wickets.

Another defeat for Cowbridge 2nd XI but it was pleasing that throughout the day none of the heads of the Cowbridge players dropped and the atmosphere amongst the side was excellent.

As we reach the halfway point of the season Cowbridge should try and consign the first half of the season to the past and look towards the future and better times ahead.

JW

Ladies get that Ascot feeling!

THE ladies section at RAF St Athan Golf Club continue to have a very hectic schedule with the usual summer competitions in full swing and several knock out competitions, including the prestigious Ladies Championship, well underway.

A recent coffee morning and nine hole golf competition was well attended with players from many local clubs competing enthusiastically.

The visitor's competition was won by players from Brynhill and St Marys with the member's prizes being awarded to Janis Griffiths, Wendy Thomas and Joan Fox.

Everyone present agreed it was a most enjoyable day which resulted in a pleasing amount of money raised from the jewellery, clothing, photo and cake stalls.

To coincide with Ascot, the ladies section once again hosted an Ascot Ladies Day. Dressed up to the nines in their posh frocks and hats, the 60 glamour girls were able to bet on the races; loudly cheering for their favourites whether winning or losing, but everyone enjoying the fun, laughter and sumptuous buffet provided by the club's own brilliant caterer, Leanne and her team.

All proceeds raised at this event will be donated later in the year to the Wales Air Ambulance, the chosen charity selected this year by the ladies captain, Ros Martin-Jones.

RAF St Athan Golf Club is a members club run by the members. They warmly welcome new social and playing members of all ages and categories. Feel free to visit or contact the club manager on 01446 751043.

Rain hits the lady bowlers

ANOTHER match was cancelled because of rain for Cowbridge lady bowlers, an away match against Porthcawl ladies.

Our ladies arrived at Porthcawl intending to play the match, but due to the weather, a decision was made that the two clubs would share the points. After a welcome cup of tea, cakes and biscuits, and a good chat, the ladies returned home without a wood being bowled!

Their league match at home to Millwood was postponed, as all the ladies wanted to attend the funeral of Judy Springett, a founder member of our club; Judy will be sadly missed.

The men played their Munro Cup match at home to Rhoose, and had a convincing win by 98 shots to 39. On the rink of new skip Alan Wallace, with Charles Sanders, Ron Woolford and Norman Wilkinson, they won 26-10.

The rink of skip Dennis Snelling won 20-16, with the help of Mansel Davey, Gerwyn Watkins and Guy Morton; skip Peter Launder's rink with Ron Frayling, Len Taylor and Byron Richards, won 28-6, and the rink with Clive Pritchard, Brian Kent, Colin Wilson and skip Steve Dickens won 24-7.

In our league match at home to Penyrheol, who had won all their matches thus far to be top of the league, we had a good win, 99-61, and gained 13 valuable points.

The only point dropped was on skip Dennis Snelling's rink, who had a very tight game to finish with a draw, 19-19. Supporting Dennis were Mansel Davey, Guy Morton and John Jones; skip Roger Barwick's rink with Charles Sanders, Ron Woolford and Byron Richards had a big win of 32-15.

The rink of Ron Frayling, Colin Wilson, John Trott and skip Norman Wilkinson, in a good game, won 27-11, and the rink of Clive Pritchard, Derek Woolley, Peter Launder and skip Steve Dickens won 21-16.

This week we are away to Llantrisant, a club we are playing for the first time, as after having spent 52 years in the first division, they are now playing in the second division.

NJW

BARRY TYRE CENTRE Ltd.
A family owned business serving Barry for nearly 40 years.

You can't get better than a Barry tyre fitter!

CAR SERVICING
from only
£49.95
Main dealer servicing, but not at main dealer prices.
Original specification parts used.
Top grade oils used.
Service records fully stamped.
Please phone for a quote for your vehicle from a Matiz to a Mercedes!
LOWER GUTHRIE STREET, BARRY CF63 4PS
01446 737447
HOLTON ROAD, BARRY CF63 4HU
01446 745888
www.barrytyreautocentre.co.uk
OPEN: Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm
Saturday 8.30am - 1.00pm
ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

Old boy's victorious return to the Barry Chess Club

ONE of Barry's 'old boys' returned to the West End Club to win the Barry Chess Club summer All-Play-All tournament.

Sam Jukes is studying at Glamorgan University and spent last season playing for Pontypridd in the East Glamorgan League. We hope that is only a temporary dalliance with 'Ponty' after Sam defied the odds to beat Craig Woolcock in the grand final of the event.

The drama came early when the two pre-tournament favourites, Rhys Steele and Craig Woolcock, were both drawn in the blue group. In contrast the green group looked very competitive with Sam Jukes and Calum Harris, another guest from Pontypriddd, and John Stephenson – a potential new member of the club who had taken some notable scalps in casual games on his first visit a fortnight earlier.

In the blue group Rhys Steele stumbled with a surprising loss to Sam White in round two. This made winning the group very difficult, but in the third round Rhys gave himself all the chances he could by beating the blue group leader Craig Woolcock with the black pieces.

All this did however was open up a path for Sam to take first place with a last round victory. In the penultimate round Sam had given up a draw to Jason Ivins and this generosity was to cost him a place in the grand final when Craig beat him in the final round to win the section.

Meanwhile, in the green group John Stephenson started well and led at the halfway mark before falling away in the later rounds.

You would have been offered long odds on Sam Jukes winning the event after he lost to outsider Dave Adamson in the first round, but the green group featured many drawn games and Sam took his chance to catch up and then steal first place with a last round victory over Peter Watkins.

In the play-off rounds, Dave Mahoney's difficulty in remembering to press his clock cost him dearly against Jason Ivins, who finished 11th. Windsor Lewis secured ninth place ahead of Dave Adamson, and Phil Jones beat John Stephenson to claim seventh.

Sam White showed that no good deed goes unpunished by losing his play-off game to Calum Harris, who therefore finished fifth, and Rhys duly came third with a win against Peter Watkins who will be satisfied with a very creditable fourth.

The grand final game between Sam and Craig went all the way to a rook and pawn endgame and looked as if the title would need to be decided by a replay at blitz time limits, but somehow Sam managed to mop up Craig's pawns to leave him with a winning position.

Craig duly resigned and Barry Chess Club had its first individual tournament winner of the summer.

For more details visit our website: barrychess-club.yolasite.com. **LD**

At the recent East Glamorgan Chess Association AGM, Lee Davis of the Barry Chess Club was appointed as treasurer for the association.

He joins Phil Jones, the association's executive director on the executive committee of the association. **PJ**

Millwood bowls news round-up

MILLWOOD were in action on June 29, when they faced Gelligaled away in a league encounter.

They were soundly beaten, 133-47, and aimed to make amends against Barry Athletic in the Munro Cup, but again they were defeated 64-57.

The A team were also in action on June 29, facing Llantrisant A at home in the league and were on the wrong end of a 99-63 defeat; however they made amends on July 6, defeating Llantwit Major A 87-68 in another league game.

Scott wins Bob Hope!

ON July 1, Brynhill's men's golfers competed in the Bob Hope Trophy (nett) and the Tennessee Cup (gross).

The winner of the Bob Hope Trophy was Scott Nelson (67), with Rhys Jones runner-up on 69; the winner of the Tennessee Cup was Matt Mullooly with 72.

The competition standard scratch was 74, and 100 golfers competed. CS

COOL 2 U

THE MOBILE AIR CONDITIONING SPECIALISTS

www.cool2u.co.uk

MOBILE SERVICE - WE COME TO YOU!

AIR CON HEALTH CHECK £15

FULL A/C SERVICE FROM £40

Don't get caught out this summer! Does you car's air conditioning work as well as it should do? The Cool 2 U team are fully trained in re-gassing your system to the manufacturer's specifications at a fraction of Main Dealer costs. For maximum efficiency your air conditioning system should be re-gassed at least every 18 MONTHS!

ALL MAKES & MODELS COVERED

SYSTEM DIAGNOSTIC & REPAIR

AIR CON SERVICE

Phone or click for a Quote

Visit us on Facebook

07885 484 588

OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK, EXCEPT BRIDGEND WHICH IS OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK • WHEEL ALIGNMENT SPECIALISTS

CELTIC TYRES

50 YEARS FOR TYRES IN SOUTH WALES

GOOD — Sava — Budget Range Tyres

Premium Budget	
155/70TR13	£34.50
165/70TR13	£37.50
175/70TR14	£43.00
175/65TR14	£42.00

Please phone if your tyre size is not listed.

BETTER — Hankook, Firestone — Mid Range Tyres

Hankook	
195/50VR15 K110	£53.17
195/60HR15 K110	£57.40
205/55WR16 OL	£68.50
205/45WR17 K110	£89.00
Firestone	
195/65HR15 T2308	£54.50
195/60HR15 T2308	£60.95
205/55WR16 T2300	£66.50
225/45WR17 S290	£90.00

Please phone if your tyre size is not listed.

BEST — Goodyear — Top Brand Tyres

Goodyear	
195/50VR15 EfficiGrip	£59.50
195/65HR15 EfficiGrip	£59.90
195/65VR15 EfficiGrip	£63.50
185/65HR15 EfficiGrip	£67.95
205/55VR16 EfficiGrip	£72.50
205/55WR16 EfficiGrip	£79.00
215/55VR16 EfficiGrip	£109.50
225/45WR17 EfficiGrip	£99.90
225/45WR17 EfficiGrip	£110.00
225/40WR18 Excellence	£117.60
205/50WR17 M475	£125.00
245/40YR18 RunOn Flat	£216.00

Please phone if your tyre size is not listed.

EXHAUSTS* — Middle/Rear
Fiesta 1.25, 95-99 XFE 529 / XFE 530 £70.40
Rover 25 1.1, 1.4, 99 on XPR 312 / XPR 253 £76.00
Micra 1.0, 92-98 XON 360 / XON 361 £73.30

BRAKES* — Examples:
Corsa 1.0, 1.2, 93-00 PAD 702 £35.80
Clio 1.2, 1.4, 91-04 PAD 885 £34.00
Escort 1.4, 1.6, 95-99 PAD 1139 £38.80

BATTERIES — 3 Year Warranty from only £42.87 (UK 063)

Prices are for single tyres - Multibuy deals are available - Phone us first!

All prices include VAT balance, valve, fitting and casing disposal

Driving down Britain's fuel costs.

Up to £40 fuel voucher when you buy Goodyear tyres.*

£75 Cash back* when you purchase car insurance online through Swinton.

www.goodyear.co.uk

GOODYEAR MADE TO FEEL GOOD.

CELTIC TYRES

BRIDGEND** Bridgend Industrial Estate 01656 657424

CARDIFF Brindley Road, off Penarth Road 029 20 221201

**Exhausts, Brakes and MOT's only available at our Bridgend store.

www.celtictyres.co.uk

TYRES EXHAUSTS* BATTERIES BRAKES* SUSPENSION MOT* NITROGEN INFLATION

GOODYEAR DUNLOP

CELTIC TYRE SERVICES 50th ANNIVERSARY

NEW YARIS TREND

TOYOTA

ALWAYS A BETTER WAY

THE SMART MONEY'S ON YARIS

1 year's FREE INSURANCE† | 0% APR Representative* | £149 per month* | 5 year TOYOTA WARRANTY

To arrange a test drive contact us on the details below.

FRF Toyota Bridgend
Tondu Road, Bridgend,
Mid Glamorgan,
CF31 4LH

Tel: 01656 646646
frfbridgend.toyota.co.uk

Model shown is Yaris Trend 1.33 VVT-i 5 door manual £14,795. Offer excludes metallic paint extra £495. Prices correct at time of publication and include VAT, delivery charge, number plates, 1 year's road fund licence and £55 first registration fee. *0% APR Representative only available on new retail orders of Yaris Trend when ordered between 1 July and 30 September 2013 and registered and financed through Toyota Financial Services, Great Burgh, Burgh Heath, Epsom, Surrey KT18 5LQ before 31 December 2013 on a 3 year Access Toyota (PCP) plan with 0–27% deposit. *Payment shown is based on a 3 year Access Toyota (PCP) plan with £3,556.40 deposit and Guaranteed Future Value/Optional Final Payment. Indemnities may be required. Finance subject to status to over 18s. Other finance offers are available but cannot be used in conjunction with this offer. Excess miles over 30,000 charged at 8p per mile. Toyota Centres are independent of Toyota Financial Services. Terms and conditions apply. Affordable finance through Access Toyota. 5-year/100,000-mile manufacturer warranty subject to terms and conditions. †1 year's free comprehensive insurance offer is subject to purchase being made via Toyota Financial Services on a Personal Contract Purchase (PCP) only and is available on all new Yaris models when ordered and financed between 1 July and 30 September 2013. Vehicles must be registered by 31 December 2013. All drivers must be aged 21 years and over. Offer is limited to the insured plus up to four additional drivers. The insured and all drivers must have held a full UK driving licence for a minimum of 2 years and had no more than 1 fault claim in the last 3 years. Offer only available to customers with no more than 1 minor motoring conviction in the last 3 years. Standard Toyota Motor Insurance Terms & Conditions apply (available on request) – these will be confirmed in the policy document.

Yaris Trend 1.33 VVT-i 5 door manual Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km): Urban 41.5 (6.8), Extra Urban 60.1 (4.7), Combined 51.4 (5.5). CO_2 Emissions 127g/km. The mpg figures quoted are sourced from official EU-regulated test results. These are provided for comparability purposes and may not reflect your actual driving experience.

RED HOT JULY SAVINGS

At FRF Toyota Bridgend

South Wales' largest selection of nearly new Toyota's

2012 REGISTERED

TOYOTA YARIS

TR 1.33 5DR WITH TOUCH + GO

- UP TO 5 YEARS WARRANTY
- LOW INSURANCE
- FULL TOUCH SCREEN SATELLITE NAVIGATION SYSTEM

FOR ONLY **£10995**

FROM ONLY **£199 PER MONTH†**

SAVE £3920**
AGAINST NEW LIST PRICE

SAVE £6000*
NEW PRICE £13995
12 12 **TOYOTA AURIS** SR 1.6 5DR BLACK 5000 MILES
OUR PRICE **£11995**

SAVE £7365*
NEW PRICE £20815
12 12 **TOYOTA AVENSIS** TR 1.8 4DR GREY 10000 MILES
OUR PRICE **£13450**

SAVE £2135*
NEW PRICE £10085
13 62 **TOYOTA AYGO** FIRE 1.0 3DR ORANGE 4 MILES
OUR PRICE **£7950**

SAVE £6805*
NEW PRICE £28800
12 62 **TOYOTA RAV4** SR 2.2 D-CAT 5dr Black 12000 Miles
OUR PRICE **£21995**

SAVE £6570*
NEW PRICE £18020
11 11 **TOYOTA URBAN CRUISER** AWD 4x4 1.4D 5dr Silver 28000 Miles
OUR PRICE **£12450**

SAVE £5265*
NEW PRICE £17915
13 62 **TOYOTA VERSO-S** T-Spirit 1.33 5dr Silver 10 Miles
OUR PRICE **£12650**

SAVE £2740*
NEW PRICE £14435
12 12 **TOYOTA YARIS** TR 1.33 CVT 5dr Red 5700 Miles
OUR PRICE **£11695**

SAVE £6550*
NEW PRICE £18045
12 62 **VAUXHALL ASTRA** SRi 5dr Silver 13800 Miles
OUR PRICE **£11995**

Just a small selection of our stock

11 61	TOYOTA AURIS SR L 6 5DR BLUE 19000 MILES	£9,995
06 57	TOYOTA AURIS SR L 80 2.2 D4D 5DR BLUE 57000 MILES	£6,695
07 57	TOYOTA AURIS T2 1.4 D4D 5DR SILVER 30000 MILES	£8,495
09 09	TOYOTA AURIS TR 1.33 5DR BLUE 11000 MILES	£6,695
10 10	TOYOTA AVENSIS T2 1.8 4DR BLUE 27000 MILES	£8,995
12 12	TOYOTA AVENSIS TR 1.8 4DR GREY 13000 MILES	£13,695
12 12	TOYOTA AVENSIS TR 2.0 D4D 4DR BLUE 14000 MILES	£14,395
12 61	TOYOTA AVENSIS TR 1.8 5DR TOURER GREY 14000 MILES	£13,495
13 62	TOYOTA AYGO FIRE 1.0 3DR ORANGE 5 MILES	£7,950
11 11	TOYOTA AYGO GO 1.0 3DR RED 8000 MILES	£6,150
11 61	TOYOTA AYGO ICE 1.0 5DR RED 8000 MILES	£6,495
09 09	TOYOTA AYGO PLUS 1.0 5DR RED 25000 MILES	£5,295
10 60	TOYOTA IQ 1.0 3DR WHITE 13000 MILES	£6,450
11 11	TOYOTA PRIUS 10TH ANNIVERSARY 1.8 HYBRID 5DR BLACK 11000 MILES	£15,495
10 60	TOYOTA PRIUS T-SPIRIT 1.8 HYBRID 5DR SILVER 6600 MILES	£14,995
12 12	TOYOTA RAV4 XTR 2.2 D4D 5DR GREY 9000 MILES	£19,995
07 57	TOYOTA VERSO SR 1.8 5DR GREY 58000 MILES	£6,395
10 60	TOYOTA VERSO TR 2.0 D4D 5RD BLUE 27000 MILES	£12,495
11 61	TOYOTA VARIS SR L 33 3DR WHITE 6500 MILES	£9,995
11 61	TOYOTA VARIS SR L 33 3DR WHITE 8300 MILES	£9,995
09 58	TOYOTA VARIS TR L 33 3DR GREY 35000 MILES	£5,795
10 10	TOYOTA VARIS TR L 4 D4D 3DR GREY 43000 MILES	£6,495
10 10	TOYOTA VARIS TR L 0 5DR RED 34000 MILES	£6,295
07 57	TOYOTA VARIS TR L 33 5DR RED 34000 MILES	£4,995
10 60	TOYOTA VARIS TR L 33 5DR RED 12000 MILES	£7,995
10 60	TOYOTA VARIS TR L 33 5DR RED 21000 MILES	£7,995
10 10	TOYOTA VARIS TR L 33 5DR GREY 15000 MILES	£7,795
10 60	TOYOTA VARIS TR L 33 5DR BLACK 21000 MILES	£7,795
12 12	HYUNDAI I30 COMFORT 5DR BLUE 16500 MILES	£8,695
10 10	KIA SPORTAGE XS CRDI 5DR BLACK 55800 MILES	£11,295
12 62	NISSAN JUKE ACENTA PREMIUM DCI 5DR WHITE 15000 MILES	£12,995
08 08	RENAULT G-MODUS DYNAMIQUE TCE 5DR SILVER 23400 MILES	£4,795
12 12	VAUXHALL CORSA SRI AIR CDI 5DR BLACK 12900 MILES	£7,995
12 62	VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH 60 5DR BLACK 9000 MILES	£9,495

• OVER 50% OF OUR STOCK ARE NON TOYOTA FRANCHISE

WITH EVERY USED CAR WE GIVE YOU...

- FREE FUEL ON SELECTED VEHICLES
- FREE MINIMUM 12 MONTHS' WARRANTY*
- FREE MOT FOR LIFE*
- FREE 12 MONTHS' AA ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE*
- FREE 6 MONTHS' SERVICE*
- OVER 150 CARS IN STOCK

MORE FRF TOYOTA USED CAR OFFERS ONLINE

FRF Toyota Used Cars
Tondu Road, **Bridgend**,
Mid Glamorgan CF31 4LH
01656 646646

SCAN HERE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE TO VIEW OUR USED CAR OFFERS ON YOUR MOBILE

CF31 4LH

11.9% APR† REPRESENTATIVE

www.frfbridgend.toyota.co.uk

www.dayswales.co.uk • www.dayswales.co.uk • www.dayswales.co.uk

Day's Motorpark Cardiff

Unbeatable cars at unbeatable prices

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

13 62
FORD FIESTA
Style TDCi 1.5 In Panther Black 3059 Miles
FROM ONLY **£9,375**

12 12
FORD FOCUS
1.6 Zetec TDCi Panther Black 18,080 Miles
FROM ONLY **£11,350**

13 13 Plate
FORD FIESTA
Style 1.25 Nautical Blue 4,959 Miles
FROM ONLY **£8,495**

11 11
FORD MONDEO
1.8 TDCi Titanium (125ps)
Panther Black 40,227 Miles
FROM ONLY **£10,850**

In celebration we are now offering even bigger savings accross our entire stock this month

+

All cars sold from 10th July to 31st July supplied with:

FREE DIAMOND BRITE CAR CARE KIT + FREE CAR MATS

Why choose Day's Motorpark Cardiff

- Over **1000** vehicles in dealer stock
- Prices start from **£3495**
- **Cheeky Weeklies** available on all cars (with low rate finance)
- Cars available from **Nil Deposit**[1]

JUST A SMALL SELECTION OF OUR STOCK

08 58	FORD KA 1.3 ZETEC CLIMATE 3 DR PETROL	£3,495
12 62	FORD FIESTA 1.25 EDGE (82) 5 DR PETROL	£3,995
12 61	FIAT 500 0.9 TWINAIR LOUNGE (PANORAMIC ROOF) 3 DR PETROL	£8,450
12 12	FORD FIESTA 1.6 ECONETIC TDCI (95) (EDGE & ZETEC AVAILABLE) 5 DR DIESEL	£9,300
13 62	FORD NEW FIESTA 1.5 STYLE TDCI 5 DR DIESEL	£9,875
13 62	FORD NEW FIESTA 1.5 ZETEC TDCI DIESEL	£10,325
12 62	PEUGEOT 208 1.4 ACCESS + HDI (A/C) 5 DR DIESEL	£10,200
12 62	FORD FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC (115) (PRIVACY GLASS & APPEARANCE PK) 5 DR DIESEL	£12,290
12 62	FORD MONDEO 2 ZETEC TDCI (115) 5 DR DIESEL	£13,750
11 11	FORD MONDEO 2 TITANIUM X SPORT TDCI AUTO (163) 5 DR DIESEL	£13,495
11 61	FORD MONDEO 2 TITANIUM X SPORT TDCI AUTO 5 DR DIESEL	£15,995
12 62	FORD FOCUS 2 TITANIUM X TDCI (163) 5 DR DIESEL	£15,995
12 62	FORD MONDEO 2 TITANIUM TDCI (APPEARANCE PK & SAT NAV) ESTATE 5 DR DIESEL	£15,995
12 12	HONDA CRV 2.2 SE + 5 DR DIESEL	£16,995
12 61	FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI TITANIUM FROZEN WHITE - 4 X 4 (7 MILES MILES	£17,790
10 10	FORD FIESTA 1.6 DIESEL ECONETIC TDCI 5 DR CHOICE OF 2	£8,740
11 11	FORD FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC TDCI 5 DR	£7,995
08 09	FORD FIESTA 1.6 TITANIUM TDCI 5 DR	£7,490
13 13	FORD FIESTA 1.25 STYLE NEW SHAPE 3 DR	£8,495
12 12	FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCI ZETEC 5 DR	£12,650
12 62	PEUGEOT 208 1.4 HDI ACCESS + 5 DR	£10,200
12 62	HYUNDAI I10 1.2 ACTIVE IN SILVER 2660 MILES	£5,995

NO HIDDEN FEES* WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU PAY | 7 DAYS FREE INSURANCE WITH SWINTON* hpi driveaway hpi swinton

Day's Motorpark Cardiff
Hadfield Road, Cardiff CF11 8AQ
Opening Times: Mon - Fri: 9.00am - 6.00pm
Sat: 9.00am - 5.00pm Sun: 10.30am - 4.00pm
UNBEATABLE CARS AT UNBEATABLE PRICES

02920 237775
www.dayswales.co.uk
Scan me
FSA PART OF CEM DAY LTD MOTOR GROUP ESTABLISHED 1926
Ford IVECO

All offers correct at time of going to press. Please note models portrayed are for illustration purposes only.

www.dayswales.co.uk • www.dayswales.co.uk • www.dayswales.co.uk

A.B. CAR SALES

Better Cars at Better Prices

OVER 100 CARS IN STOCK

CARDIFF ROAD, BARRY

59 RENAULT Scenic 1.5 DCi (105) Dynamique 5-Dr. Grey, **(Diesel),** 1 Owner, FSH, Cruise Control, Air Con, Alloys, 81k

£6,690

03 AUDI TT 1.8 Quattro 2-Dr (225). Met Blue, FSH, Full Blue Leather, Heated Seats, Climate Control, 68k

£5,490

10 VW Transporter New Shape Camper Conversion 2.0. White, **(Diesel),** FSH, 1 Owner, Sink & Hob, Rock & Role Bed, 128k

£13,990

56 AUDI A4 2.0 TDi S-Line 2-Dr Convertible. Met. Silver, **(Diesel),** Sat Nav, FSH, Full Black Leather, Cruise Control, 108k

£7,990

59 VAUXHALL Insignia 2.0 CDTi SRi 4-Dr. Met Black, **(Diesel),** Auto, FSH, Cruise & Climate Control, 67k.

£7,490

10 SEAT Leon 1.6 TDi CR SE 5-Dr. Red, **(Diesel),** 1 Owner, FSH, Climate Control, Alloys, 78k

£7,490

58 MERCEDES BENZ C-Class 2.1 CDi SE 4-Dr. Met. Grey, **(Diesel),** FSH, 1 Owner, 6 Speed, Climate Control, 77k

£8,690

56 SAAB 9-3 1.9 TiD Linear (120) 5-Dr Estate. Met Red, **(Diesel),** Climate Control, Alloys, CD Player, 77k.

£4,290

10 NISSAN Qashqai 1.5 DCi Tekna 5-Dr. Met Blue, **(Diesel),** 1 Owner, FSH, Sat Nav, Full Black Leather & Much More, 85k

£9,990

10 VAUXHALL Astra 1.7 CDTi 16v Ecoflex SRi (125) 5-Dr. Met Grey, **(Diesel),** 1 Owner, FSH, Climate Control, Alloys, 52k

£8,290

TEL.01446 735555 www.abcarsalesltd.co.uk SAT NAV CF63 2NW

A.B SERVICE CENTRE

Diesel Particulate Filter Removal

No more limp mode or annoying lights.
Lifetime Software Guarantee.

from £199

Vehicle Remapping

Eco Tune - Fuel Economy gains of **up to 17%.**
Performance Tune - performance gains of **up to 35%.**
50/50 - Increase fuel economy & power.

from £179

EGR Deletion

No more having to buy expensive EGR valves.
Lifetime Software Guarantee.

from £99

Car Diagnostics

Any make, any model.
The most up to date equipment available.

from £39.99

MOT's £25

All Repair Work Undertaken At Competitive Prices

Car Servicing From £99

Cardiff Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 2NW
www.abservicecentre.co.uk
Tel. 01446 735591

WE ARE OPEN
Monday - Friday 8.30am-5.30pm
Saturday 8.30am - 1.00pm

All major credit cards accepted

Economy Service

Genuine Oil Filter & Mobil or Castrol Oil
Vehicle Safety Check & Inspection
Fluid Check & Top Ups
Complementary Wash
Manufacturer Trained Technicians

Only available to German vehicles over 5 years old
Synthetic & Low Ash Oil Surcharge May Apply

ONLY £60

Manufacturer Specfication Service

Genuine Parts & Highest Quality Oils
Exactly the same checks as performed by the Main Dealers
Complementary Air-Con Anti Bacterial Service
Free Luxury Courtesy Car or Vehicle Collection & Drop Off
Full Vehicle Valet including Hand Waxing
Diagnostic Code Scan & DTC log Printout
Work will not invalidate your New or Used Car Warranty

Prices specific to Vehicle, please call for a price tailored to your car
What we include in our base price would on average cost over £300 extra
at the dealer using the same tools by staff that used to work at those same dealers.

SERVICING TAILORED TO YOUR CAR - EXCEEDING MANUFACTURERS REQUIREMENTS - EXCEEDING YOUR EXPECTATIONS

BMW - MINI	MERCEDES - SMART	JAGUAR	PORSCHE - AUDI - VW - SEAT - SKODA
BMW GROUP	DAIMLER AG	JLR GROUP	VAG GROUP

PRO-CUT Brake Disc Skim
The Full Package

BEEN TOLD YOU NEED NEW DISCS? DON'T LIKE THE PRICE?
WHY PAY FOR NEW DISCS WHEN YOUR ORIGINALS CAN BE RETURNED TO NEW CONDITION?

- RESURFACING OF DISC
- REMOVES ANY WARPING
- RESTORES DISC TO NEW

FROM **£25**

Diagnostics FROM **£25**

Laser Alignment FROM **£35**

MOT Test **£25**

Delphi Air Con Servicing
The Full Package

Advanced Moisture Removal
Full Regas
Compressor Oil Renewal
Anti Bacterial Additive
Leak Detection Additive
Nitrogen Leak Detection

FROM **£55**

DATSC
DEUTSCHE AUTO TEKNIK SERVICE CENTRE

Deutsche Auto Teknik - For German Cars
5 Woodham Road, Barry Docks CF63 4JE
Service & Repairs: 08000 337 092 / 01446 327 007

NEW STOCK ARRIVING DAILY!

59 CITROEN C4 Grand Picasso 1.6 Diesel Executive Auto.
In white. 39,000 miles. 1 owner.
£8,995

04 MERCEDES C320 SE Automatic Sport Coupe
Silver, 46,000 miles with panoramic roof etc
£5,495

2000 MAZDA MX5 California
In Yellow, 51,000 miles, very nice example at
£2,995

09 FORD Fiesta Zetec S 1.6
In vision blue, 43,000 miles, 2 owners
£7,295

61 PORSCHE Cayenne 3.0 Diesel
White, full beige leather, 7,000 miles
£54,995

57 VAUXHALL Tigra 1.4 Exclusive Convertible
In black, 66,000 miles
£4,995

60 SUZUKI Swift 1.3 SZ3
3-Dr, in burnt orange, 20,000 miles, low insurance
£6,495

57 VAUXHALL Zafira 2.2 SRi
Met silver, 46,000 miles, 7-seater with alloys
£5,695

10 PEUGEOT 107 Millesim Edition
In white , 12,000 miles, 1 owner with a/c, alloys
£5,995

JUST A SELECTION OF OUR STOCK...

61 **PORSCHE Cayenne 3.0 Diesel Auto.** In white with full beige leather, 7,000 miles, too many extras to list **£54,995**
60 **FORD Galaxy 2.0 Diesel Zetec.** In met grey, 37,000 miles. 7-seater **£13,995**
12 **NISSAN Juke 1.6 Tekna** in black with black leather, 7,000 miles. Under Nissan warranty **£12,995**
59 **CITROEN C4 Grand Picasso 1.6 Diesel Executive Automatic.** In white, 39,000 miles, 1 owner **£8,995**
60 **HONDA Jazz 1.3 ES Automatic 5-Dr.** In met silver, 17,000 miles, under Honda warranty **£8,495**
10 **FORD Focus 1.8 Zetec 5-Dr.** In light met blue, 25,000 miles, alloys etc **£7,495**
09 **FORD Fiesta 1.6 Zetec S.** In vision blue, 43,000 miles, 2 owners **£7,295**
12 **FORD Ka 1.2 Edge.** In red, 7,000 miles, under Ford warranty **£6,995**
59 **FIAT 500 Sport 1.2.** In red, 39,000 miles, £30 road tax, low insurance **£6,995**
08 **TOYOTA Avensis 2.0 Diesel TR** In met, 59,900 miles, very nice example at **£6,995**
08 **FORD Mondeo 2.0 TDCi Edge Auto.** in met blue, 31,000 mile diesel at **£6,995**
09 **TOYOTA Auris 1.6 TR 3-dr.** In light met blue, 35,000 miles **£6,495**
60 **SUZUKI Swift 1.3 SZ3 3-dr.** In burnt orange, 20,000 miles, low insurance **£6,495**
59 **FORD Fiesta 1.2 Zetec Climate 3-dr.** In mulberry metallic, 22,000 miles, 1 owner **£6,495**
10 **PEUGEOT 107 Millesim Edition** in white. 12,000 miles. 1 owner with a/c, alloys **£5,995**
59 **FORD Fusion 1.6 Titanium.** In met blue, 28,000 miles, very nice example at **£6,495**
58 **FORD Focus 1.8 Style Climate 5-Dr.** In met burnt orange, 24,000 miles **£5,995**
55 **MINI Cooper.** In black, 1 owner, 20,000 miles, chequered flag roof, a/c, alloys **£5,995**
58 **VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 Design 5-Dr.** In met silver, 38,000 miles **£5,695**
08 **SKODA Fabia 2 1.6 Estate.** In met gold, 29,000 miles, 2 owners **£5,695**
57 **VAUXHALL Zafira 2.2 SRi.** In met silver. 46,000 miles, 7-seater with alloys etc **£5,695**
58 **FORD Fiesta 1.4 Diesel Zetec Blue 3-dr.** In met silver, 51,000 miles, £30 road tax **£5,495**
57 **VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 Design Coupe.** In met silver, 50,000 miles. Stylish hatch **£5,495**
05 **TOYOTA RAV4 2.0 VVTi XT3 3-Dr.** In silver, low mileage 4x4 at **£5,495**
04 **MERCEDES C320 SE Automatic Sport Coupe.** In silver, 46,000 miles with panoramic roof etc **£5,495**
08 **SKODA Fabia 2 1.6 Estate.** In met gold, 29,000 miles, 2 owners **£5,295**
57 **FORD Focus 1.6 Style 5-dr.** In met blue, 67,000 miles with a/c **£4,995**
07 **SEAT Altea 1.6 Reference Sport.** In red, 62,000 miles **£4,995**
55 **FORD Focus 2.0 Ghia Automatic.** In met grey, low mileage, local example at **£4,995**
57 **VAUXHALL Tigra 1.4 Exclusive Convertible.** In black, 66,000 miles **£4,995**
58 **VAUXHALL Corsa 1.4 Design 3-dr.** In met-blue, 72,000 miles, 1 owner **£4,695**
07 **PEUGEOT 207 1.6 Sport Automatic 3-dr.** In black, 37,000 miles **£4,495**
07 **PEUGEOT 407 1.6 Diesel SE Estate.** In silver, 71,000 miles, full glass roof **£4,495**
06 **TOYOTA Corolla 1.6 Colour 5-dr.** In light met blue, 70,000 miles, a/c, alloys **£4,495**
06 **FORD Fiesta 1.4 Diesel Zetec 5-dr.** In black. £30 road tax, low insurance **£3,995**
06 **FORD Focus 1.6 Diesel LX Estate.** In silver, 86,000 miles, practical & economical **£3,995**
06 **FORD Fiesta 1.4 Diesel Style Climate 5-dr.** In glacier silver, 67,000 miles, £30 road tax, CD, Air Con **£3,995**
06 **TOYOTA Aygo 1.0 Sport 3-dr.** In glacier blue, 61,000 miles, £30 road tax **£3,995**
54 **LANDROVER Freelander 1.8SE 5-dr.** In silver, 74,000 miles with a/c, leather etc **£3,995**
03 **MINI Cooper** in silver with black roof, 65,000 miles. Very nice example at **£3,995**
07 **RENAULT Megane 1.6 Dynamique Automatic.** In sand met. Low mileage example at **£3,695**
04 **FORD C-Max 1.6 Diesel Automatic Zetec.** In moonstone blue, 75,000 miles **£3,495**
57 **FORD Ka Luxury.** In silver with black leather trim, 30,000 miles, a/c, alloys etc **£3,295**
08 **CHEVROLET Tacuma 1.6 SX.** In silver, 48,000 mile people carrier at **£2,995**
56 **PEUGEOT 1007 Dolce 1.4 Automatic** In met. orange, 33,000 miles with electric sliding doors **£2,995**
05 **FORD Focus 1.8 Edge 3-dr.** In ice silver, 72,000 miles with alloys, cd **£2,995**
05 **SKODA Superb 1.9 Diesel Comfort.** In silver, 103,000 miles. **£2,995**
53 **VW Golf 1.6 Match 5-Dr.** In black, 84,000 miles with alloys, air con etc. **£2,995**
03 **DAIHATSU Terrios Tundra 1.3 5-Dr.** Blue/Silver with beige interior, 63,000 miles, 4x4 **£2,995**
54 **PEUGEOT 307 XSi 2.0 HDi 3-dr.** In black with half leather trim. Economical and quick **£2,795**
04 **FORD Focus 1.6 Ghia 5-dr** in light met blue, 85,000 miles. Ideal famil hatch **£2,795**
52 **TOYOTA Yaris 1.5 T-Sport.** In met gold, 59,000 miles, superb example at **£2,795**
06 **CHEVROLET Lacetti 1.8 Sport 5-dr.** In silver with full leather trim, 75,000 miles. **£2,495**
06 **VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 Elegance 5-Dr.** In met burgundy, 56,000 miles, 2 owners **£2,495**
05 **FORD Sport Ka.** In met blue with blue/black leather. 56,000 miles **£2,495**
03 **VAUXHALL Zafira 1.8 Comfort**i in silver, 76,000 miles, 7-seater **£2,49505**
HYUNDAI Getz 1.1 3-Dr GSi. In silver, 70,000 miles, low insurance **£2,395**
04 **FORD Ka Collection.** In aqua silver, 53,000 miles, low insurance **£2,395**
03 **SKODA Fabia 1.4 16v Elegance 5-Dr.** In met blue with a/c, heated seats etc **£1,995**
02 **HYUNDAI Agila 1.0 GSi 5-dr.** In green, 44,000 miles, low insurance **£1,695**

59 FIAT 500 Sport 1.2
In red. 39,000 miles. £30 road tax, low insurance.
£6,995

59 FORD Fusion 1.6 Titanium
Met blue, 28,000 miles, very nice example
£6,495

07 PEUGEOT 1007 Dolce 1.4 Automatic
Met orange, 33,000 miles, electric sliding doors
£2,995

60 HONDA Jazz 1.3 ES Automatic 5-dr.
Metallic silver. 17,000 miles. UnderHonda warranty
£8,495

RAC WARRANTIES **All cars supplied with new MoT and 3 months RAC warranty.** RAC WARRANTIES
Just a small selection of our comprehensive range in stock. Visit our website for full details.

Broad Street, Barry (Next to Barry train Station) **01446 722600**

FINANCE PACKAGES TO SUIT ALL • 0% DEPOSIT FINANCE AVAILABLE • ALL CARS HPi CLEAR • PART EXCHANGE WELCOME • OPEN 7 DAYS CARS BOUGHT FOR CASH • ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS TAKEN

hpi

MULTI-PHOTOS AND FULL DESCRIPTION ON WEBSITE
www.garywatsonmotorcompany.co.uk

blackhorse

GEM sport

Tour lesson for Wales players... the men from the southern hemisphere CAN be beaten!

GATLAND MAKES CARPING CRITICS EAT THEIR WORDS!

BACK PAGE COMMENT
by Don John

AMID the wild euphoria as red eclipsed gold at the ANZ stadium in Sydney on Saturday, the quiet man with silver hair picking his way through the celebrating crowd on the pitch had rightful cause for pride – and wry satisfaction.

For Warren Gatland, head coach of the 2013 touring British & Irish rugby Lions had not only masterminded an epic 2-1 test series triumph with a crushing 41-16 win over world number two Wallabies – but had done so in the face of unseemly and ill-informed attacks led by London-based press and TV broadcasting pundits who were hardly supportive of the Lions' cause, in the days counting down to the third and final test.

Gatland, whose day job is that of the Wales national coach, had been unjustly accused of "blind bias" in selecting 10 Welsh players in his starting 15 (plus an 11th on the bench), rather than opting for a more 'representative' British Isles team – and was also pilloried for, 'shock-horror', omitting the revered Brian O'Driscoll from the match 23.

A torrent of criticism and abuse erupted in the media and online, which questioned both Gatland's "wrong" selection and his integrity, and could have seriously undermined the Lions' morale and preparations for the series-settling final test.

O'Driscoll's outside centre replacement, Jonathan Davies, was moved to say: "*I felt like public enemy Number One*"; while team mate George North noted: "*There was a lot of negativity over the number of Welshmen in the team.*"

Former Wallaby superstar David Campese (ill-advisedly, as it turned out!) intervened to tweet – "*Sorry, but you have just handed the series to Australia…*"

(Ironically, back in 1989, we recall, he himself did the opposite, gifting a try to Ieuan Evans with a fumble on his own line, which handed the test series to the Lions – at what will forever be known as 'Campo's Corner').

"*Preposterous"… "A brazen insult to the concept of the Lions"…."Welsh bias is blatant"… "The (selection) suggests bottling…*" were other pointed barbs (and worse) aimed at Gatland and his team.

This despite the fact that notwithstanding his role with Wales, the no-nonsense New Zealander has repeatedly made it clear, as I wrote last week, that his unwavering focus was on impartially selecting *"the best team to win the series"* – rather than pandering to partisan prejudice among the four home nations.

After such a thumping Lions' victory, only the fifth in 125 years, who can deny that his approach was fully vindicated, though the dignified Gatland was clearly shaken by his experience of British Isles tribalism.

He admitted: "*I was absolutely shocked at the vitriolic criticism. I haven't enjoyed the last 72 hours…it's been tough for me personally"*.

Knowing exactly what kind of backlash to expect if his team had failed to win the series, the former All Black hooker had the pleasure of seeing proverbial eggs on the knockers' faces, after a comprehensive win that had silenced home critics and Australians alike.

(Interestingly, some of those in the media now loudly hailing the Lions' triumph seemed to have conveniently forgotten their previous critical outbursts!)

The test win had been built on a monumental pack effort – which finally exposed the fragility of an Australian scrum that was regularly shunted backwards almost into Sydney town centre, yielding a clutch of penalties for deserved man-of-the-series, Leigh Halfpenny.

In fact, the Lions had barely kicked off before they were seven points up, thanks to an uncharacteristic fumble by the Wallabies' star of the previous two tests, Will Genia, which eventually led to loose-head prop Alex Corbisiero twisting over for a try, converted by Halfpenny; who six minutes later, struck a penalty kick from near halfway, to erase memories of his last-gasp miss in the second test.

An eventful first half saw returning Wallaby legend George Smith briefly forced off for treatment after a huge collision with Lions' hooker, Richard Hibbard, as the tourists' pack remorselessly turned the screw up front, producing four scrum-earned penalties for Halfpenny to slot over and a yellow card for visibly-wilting Wallaby prop Ben Alexander.

Meanwhile, an increasingly embattled Australia inexplicably turned down several penalty kicks of their own – bar one which Christian Leali'ifano successfully landed.

However, to their credit, they somehow escaped the Lions' iron grip up front, worked their way downfield, and laid siege to the tourists' line.

Almost on the stroke of halftime, outside half James O'Connor wriggled through for a try converted by Leali'ifano – the Lions turning round 19-10 in the lead and getting set to send on fresh legs from the bench, determined to keep the pressure on.

Within four minutes of the resumption, though, Lions' discipline wavered and they conceded two penalties which were punished by the reliable Leali'ifano – and suddenly, the battling Wallabies had cut the deficit to 19-16. They were not to know then that it would be the end of their scoring efforts this day.

As Lions' forward power reasserted itself, Halfpenny stepped up to add three points with his impeccable boot, and as reinforcements arrived, he added two more, when he was at the very heart of a move that saw Jonny Sexton stroll over for a try which eased the tourists into a 29-16 lead almost on the hour.

Now the floodgates began to open as Lions' relentless power-play took its toll on the exhausted men in gold and Halfpenny created and then converted a third touchdown, this tme by George North.

While the broken line of defenders were warily watching the giant winger, another planned move saw centre Jamie Roberts power his way through untouched for a fourth Lions' try under the posts, converted by you know who.

It completed an historic test series with a remarkable 41-16 scoreboard that will be emblazoned in the memory of both the Lions' supporters and the Wallabies' – though in their case, for all the wrong reasons!

As for the Welsh contingent, players and coaches who played such a huge part in the tour's success, they return home this week to well-deserved plaudits, and an all too brief respite before it's back to business as usual.

However, the psychological impact of that comprehensive win over opponents they have narrowly failed to beat on so many recent occasions in Welsh colours, cannot be over-estimated.

The key word, as always, is BELIEF and the manner of the final test victory, which so closely resembled their championship-winning Six Nations destruction of England in Cardiff, surely reinforces what their Kiwi coach has been telling them all along – that the men from the southern hemisphere are only human and are eminently beatable.

Hopefully, it is a lesson that will stay with them as they prepare to meet Australia again – this time in the red of Wales at the Millennium Stadium in the autumn... And looking further forward to Gatland's next big target – the Rugby World Cup in two years' time.

FOR THE RECORD…

The British & Irish Lions played a total of 10 games on tour, scoring 387 points to 121 against. In the tests alone, it was 79 points for, 53 against.

Quality family fun...

Bridgend GOLF Complex

Fitness & Leisure the Healthy Option!

Great Choice: Weekends and School Holidays!

Back by popular demand STARTING 7th AUGUST 10am to 11am

Ladies Beginner Group

6 LESSONS for £40

To book your place call 01656 647926

EXCELLENT VALUE
Weekdays: 9 holes £6.00
18 holes £9.00
Weekends and Bank Holidays: Prices Retained
(We're easy to find - off A48 opposite Bridgend Ford)

Cowbridge Tennis Club

Whether you're an experienced player, new to tennis or a rusty racket, Cowbridge Tennis Club has something for you.

- 4 all weather courts
- Cardio tennis
- No joining fee
- Xpress tennis
- Competitive teams
- Social tennis

Visit our website, cltc.webs.com